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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

AT

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

HELD AT

*Cornwall, 5th July, A. L. 5893, and New Dublin,
6th July, A. L. 5893.*

ALSO AT THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE CITY OF OTTAWA,

ON THE

19th and 20th July, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893.



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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Cornwall, on the 5th Day of July, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C.	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. A. F. Milliken.....	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. Bro. C. J. Hamilton.....	as Grand Senior Warden.
V. W. Bro. N. B. Colcock	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. S. Gower Poole	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. H. Williams.....	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. H. W. Weber.....	as Grand Registrar.
V. W. Bro. Chas. Lemon	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. Ridley	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. S. Henry	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. A. A. Weagant	as Grand Sup. of Works.
W. Bro. J. F. Graham	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. W. J. Wallace	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. S. Woodward.....	as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters, and Brethren hailing from Lancaster, Williamstown, Farran's Point, Dickinson's Landing, Brockville, Maxville, and other places.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., by the M. W. the Grand Master, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been summoned for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Church of the Good Shepherd, or Mountain Family Memorial Church, in the town of Cornwall.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed, under the direction of W. Bro. J. F. Graham, of Prescott, as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the acting Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll :

In the name and by the favor of the Glorious Architect of
Heaven and Earth,

ON THE 5TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1893,

In the era of Freemasonry, A.L. 5893, and in the 56th year of the reign
of Our Most Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and the depend-
encies in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia, Dominion of Canada, etc.

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Sir FREDERICK A. STANLEY Earl of
Derby, C.G.B., etc., being Governor-General of the Dominion
of Canada.

The Hon. GEORGE A. KIRKPATRICK, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario.

Sir JOHN S. D. THOMPSON, Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

Sir OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. JOHN M. GIBSON, Q. C., Provincial Secretary.

DARBIN BERGIN, Esq., M.D., M.P. for the County of Stormont.

WILLIAM MACK, Esq., M.P.P. for the County of Stormont.

FRANK LALLY, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Cornwall.

C. J. HAMILTON, M. D., Reeve of the Town of Cornwall.

WILLIAM GALLINGER and A. F. MULHERN, Esqs., Deputy
Reeves of the Town of Cornwall.

GEORGE S. JARVIS, Esq., Clerk of the Town of Cornwall.

DONALD McDONALD Esq., Reeve of the Township of Cornwall.

C. W. BULLOCK, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master of the 15th
Masonic District.

The Rev. J. J. MOUNTAIN, D.D., Incumbent.

The Rev. S. GOWER POOLE, Curate.

THOMAS LAFLEUR and ROBT. CASSON, Churchwardens.

Rev. ARTHUR JARVIS, Architect.

JAMES C. JOHNSTONE, Builder.

This Corner Stone

Of the CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

(Mountain Family Memorial)

was laid by the Most Worshipful Brother John Morison Gibson, Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario,
Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, assisted by the Grand
Officers and a large concourse of Brethren and citizens,
with the usual ceremonies of the Order.

The acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the
cavity in the stone, together with a phial containing Canadian
coins, and certain newspapers and records.

A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented
to the M. W. the Grand Master, by W. Bro. C. J. Hamilton,
on behalf of Cornwall Lodge.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied
the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been
placed in position, and announced that the Craftsmen had
done their duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master then consecrated the stone
with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it :

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

After the ceremony the Grand Master delivered an interesting address, alluding in happy terms to the beneficence of the Rev. Dr. Mountain, and commending the course he was following in doing good with the means at his command.

The procession was then reformed, the Brethren returned to the lodge-room, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held in the Town Hall in the Village of New Dublin, on the 6th Day of July, A. D. 1893, A. L. 5893.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q.C.,	acting as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. C. W. Bullock	as Deputy Grand Master.
V. W. Bro. N. B. Colcock	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. W. Stafford	as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. G. W. G. Grout	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. J. Saunders	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. J. Chapman	as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. E. A. Geiger	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. A. M. Wilson	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. R. Lake	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. G. Parish	as Grand Supt. of Works.
W. Bro. A. Urquhart	as Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. James Ross	as Asst. Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. P. Lamb	as Asst. Grand Dir. of Cer.
W. Bro. H. C. Phillips	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. C. Alquire	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. R. J. Jelly	as Grand Pursuivant.

AS GRAND STEWARDS :

Bro. R. N. Horton,	Bro. H. S. Moffatt,	Bro. J. B. Cleaveley,
Bro. M. Brown,	Bro. J. Bullock,	Bro. A. A. Chapman,
Bro. T. H. Parslow,	Bro. H. McLaughlin,	Bro. J. Young,
Bro. N. E. Brown,		

W. Bro. C. M. Taylor as Grand Tyler.

Together with a number of brethren hailing from Lodges in the vicinity.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at high twelve, at the Town Hall, by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, P.G.M., who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been summoned for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of St. John's (Anglican) Church, in the Village of New Dublin. The Acting Grand Master stated that he had undertaken the duty at the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, who was unable to be present.

The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, a procession formed, headed by the clergy, and under the direction of W. Bro. A. Urquhart, as Grand Director of Ceremonies, marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building.

Prayer having been offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain, the Grand Superintendent of Works read the following scroll:

**In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious
Architect of Heaven and Earth.**

This document was deposited in the corner-stone of St. John's Church, New Dublin, Elizabethtown, Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, Anno Domini, 1893.

The Corner Stone

WAS LAID ON THE 6TH DAY OF JULY, 1893,

Under the auspices of Lyn Lodge, No. 416, A. F. & A. M., by the Most Worshipful R. T. WALKEM, P. G. M., A. F. & A. M.

In the fifty-seventh year of the reign of Her Imperial Majesty,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Sovereign of the Dominion of Canada.

The EARL OF DERBY, being Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

Sir John S. D. THOMPSON, K. C. M. G., Premier and Minister of Justice.

The Most Rev. John Travers LEWIS, D. D., Bishop of Ontario, and acting Metropolitan of Canada.

The Ven. J. S. LAUDER, D. C. L., Archdeacon of Ottawa, and the Ven. T. BEDFORD-JONES, LL. D., Archdeacon of Kingston.

Rev. George W. G. GROUT, M. A., Rural Dean of Leeds.

Edward DAVIS, Esq., and John B. BARRY, Esq., delegates to synod.

Edward DAVIS, Esq., and Nicholas E. BROWN, Esq., Churchwardens.

The Hon. George A. KIRKPATRICK, being Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Ontario.

The Hon. Sir Oliver MOWAT, K. C. M. G., Premier and Attorney General of the Province of Ontario.

A journal of the Synod of Ontario for 1892, a pamphlet on the consecration of the Bishop of Ontario, copies of The Dominion Churchman,

The Church Guardian, The Empire, The Globe, The Brock-

ville Times and Recorder, and the current coins of the

Dominion of Canada, were also deposited

in this stone.

The new church was partly built on the site of the old church of St. John, erected about 65 years before.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the scroll in the cavity in the stone, together with a phial containing the coins, etc. A beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, was presented to M. W. Bro. Walkem, by the Rev. Rural Dean Grout, Rector of the Parish.

The Grand Wardens and the Deputy Grand Master applied the implements of their offices to the stone, after it had been placed in position, and announced that the craftsmen had done their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it:

WELL MADE, TRULY LAID, WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY.

The procession was then reformed, the brethren returned to the Lodge Room, and Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM.

ATTEST:



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

At the Thirty-Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Ottawa, commencing on Wednesday, the 19th day of July, A.D. 1893, A.L. 5893.

PRESENT :

THE GRAND MASTER,

M. W. Bro. The Hon. G. M. Gibson, Q.C., on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C.

R. W. Bro. R. W. Barker.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. George Inglis.....	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Fairlie.....	Grand Chaplain.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. F. F. Manley.....	Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....	Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. R. W. Kenning.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. D. Bole.....	Grand Supd't of Works.
V. W. Bro. W. J. Grant.....	Ass't. Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. F. W. Randall.....	Ass't. Grand Direc. of Cer.
V. W. Bro. John Hewton.....	Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. John Newton.....	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. Bro. J. M. Wilson.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. D. Rose.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. Bro. J. Quigg.....	} as Grand Stewards.
V. W. Bro. H. Smith.....	
V. W. Bro. W. H. Burgess.....	
V. W. Bro. C. Mole.....	
V. W. Bro. W. Miller.....	
V. W. Bro. T. W. Chapple.....	
Bro John Sweetman.....	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. H. F. Jell.....	Erie District, No. 1.
R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, M.D.	St. Clair District, No. 2.
R. W. Bro. Alexander Hess.....	London District, No. 3.
R. W. Bro. Joseph Beck.....	South Huron District, No. 4.
R. W. Bro. J. A. Morton.....	North Huron District, No. 5.
R. W. Bro. E. G. Wells.....	Wilson District, No. 6.
R. W. Bro. Alfred Taylor.....	Wellington District, No. 7.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.....	Hamilton District, No. 8.
R. W. Bro. Charles Pye.....	Georgian District, No. 9.
R. W. Bro. W. D. Garner.....	Niagara District, No. 10.
R. W. Bro. Harry A. Colli's.....	Toronto District, No. 11.

R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson	Ontario District, No. 12.
R. W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, M. D.	Prince Edw. District, No. 13.
R. W. Bro. C. W. Bullock	St. Lawrence Dis't., No. 15.
R. W. Bro. R. A. Klock	Ottawa District, No. 16.
R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst	Algoma District, No. 17.
R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber	Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

FROM GRAND LODGE OF

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson ..	England and New York.
R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully	Ireland.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	Prince Edward Island.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler	Arkansas.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Connecticut, Minnesota, and Brazil.
M. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson	District of Columbia.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Florida.
R. W. Bro. W. R. White	Georgia.
M. W. Bro. James Moffat	Idaho.
R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis	Illinois.
M. W. Bro. James K. Kerr	Indiana, Missouri, New Jer- sey, Texas and Utah.
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid	Kansas.
M. W. Bro. D. Spry	Kentucky and Greece.
R. W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt	Louisiana.
R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford	Michigan.
M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson	Montana.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson	Nevada.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor	Oregon.
R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone	South Dakota.
R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson	Washington.
R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargent	Wisconsin.
M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem	Peru.
R. W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton	Switzerland.
R. W. Bro. William Gibson	Victoria.
V. W. Bro. George Tait	The Island of Cuba.
R. W. Bro. John Walsh	The United States of Columbia

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.—M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. K. Kerr, James Moffat, Daniel Spry, Hugh Murray, H. Robertson, R. T. Walkem and J. Ross Robertson.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.—R. W. Bros. H. J. Wilkinson, Wm. Gibson, Wm. Roaf, James Reynolds, R. B. Hungerford, J. C. Hegler, T. Sargent, D. H. Martyn, D. F. Macwatt, J. H. Burritt, J. E. Harding, B. Shortly, R. H. Preston, David Taylor, John Scoon, Wm. Rea, R. Mahoney, W. L. Hamilton, E. T. Malone, G. J. Bennett, W. H. Jackson, A. L. Riddell, W. J. Morris Thos. Ridout, Kivas Tully, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, P. H. Cox, W. T. Toner, Henry Turner, E. B. Butterworth, J. P. Featherston, H. J. Wilkinson, D. D. Campbell, John Menish R. M. Stuart, B. Paine, H. Hyndman, G. S. Macfarlane and A. B. Hurrell.

PAST GRAND SENIOR WARDENS.—R. W. Bros. James McLauchlan, Allen McLean, W. J. Simpson, R. L. Patterson and J. E. D'Avignon.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS.—R. W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, M. Walsh, J. S. Dewar, G. C. Davis, Hugh Walker, Le F. A. Maingy and John Walsh.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.—R. W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig.

PAST GRAND REGISTRARS.—R. W. Bros. D. Derbyshire, W. C. Wilkinson, James Greenfield, F. C. Martin and J. C. Boyd.

PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACON.—V. W. Bro. George Tait.

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF WORKS.—V. W. Bros. R. E. Fletcher and Wm. Webster.

PAST GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.—V. W. Bros. D. T. Hind and N. B. Colcock.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.—V. W. Bro. T. McCalum.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.—V. W. Bro. A. Patterson.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND ORGANISTS.—V. W. Bros. L. Secord and A. R. Rowat.

PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS.—V. W. Bros. Alexander Stewart and J. J. Smyth.

PAST GRAND STEWARDS.—V. W. Bros. J. Quigg, T. W. Chapple, O. Bascome, G. Middleditch, C. Mole, A. Shaw, George A. Aylsworth, Henry Smith, S. Percy, W. H. Chittick and C. Pettiford.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER.—V. W. Bro. A. Hood.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, Ald. Scott, on behalf of the Mayor of Ottawa, and a deputation from the City Council were announced, introduced, and presented an address of welcome.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at half past eleven o'clock forenoon, and the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

R. W. Bros. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, Past Grand Chaplain of England; E. B. Eddy, Alex. Murray, James Mitchell, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and — Rowlands, of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, were announced, introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors.

A deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the Ottawa Lodges were announced, introduced and presented the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME:

To the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q.C., M.P.P., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M. In the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—On behalf of the Masonic fraternity of the Ottawa district we desire on the occasion of the thirty-eighth annual communication of Grand Lodge to tender

you and to its members a cordial welcome to the Capital of the Dominion.

Ten years have elapsed since this city was last honored by being chosen as the meeting place of the governing body of the Craft in this jurisdiction. During this period, Ottawa and the surrounding district have made rapid strides, both as regards number of inhabitants and material prosperity. The population of this city has increased 41 per cent. in the decade—an increase due in great measure to its admirable location, its unrivalled water power, and the growing facilities of railway communication with the commercial centres of this continent.

We desire to extend to you, Most Worshipful Sir, hearty congratulations on your administration of the Craft during the past year. The success which has marked your career up to the present time both in private and public life will, we feel assured, render your tenure of office one long to be remembered in the annals of Canadian Freemasonry.

In conclusion, we trust that the stay of yourself and the visiting brethren in our midst will be a pleasant and a profitable one, and that the deliberations of the sessions of Grand Lodge, now commencing, will conduce to the best interests of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford, William Roaf, and George S. May, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present :

- No. 2. *Niagara, Niagara.*
W. Bro. J. S. Campbell, Proxy, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.M.
- No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*
W. Bro. F. Day, W.M.; M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and R. W. Bros. H. J. Wilkinson and W. L. Hamilton, P.M's.
- No. 5. *Sussex, Brockville.*
W. Bro. A. Urquhart, W.M.; Bro. L. DeCarle, S.W.; R. W. Bros. W. H. Jackson, John Menish, A. L. Riddel, D. Derbyshire and W. J. Simpson; V. W. Bros. J. Quigg and Alex. Stewart, and W. Bros. G. H. Weatherhead and G. K. Dewey, P.M's.
- No. 6. *Barton, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. James Ferres, P.M., Proxy, V. W. Bro. W. J. Grant, P.M.
- No. 7. *Union, Grimsby.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 9. *Union, Napanee.*
W. Bro. T. D. Pruyn, W.M.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Simcoe.*
R. W. Bro. E. G. Wells, P.M., Proxy.

- No. 11. *Moirs, Belleville.*
W. Bro. George Dulmage, W.M.; V. W. Bro. John Newton,
and W. Bros. W. Lattimer, and W. C. Wickel, P.M's.
- No. 14. *True Britons, Perth.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. Morris, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 15. *St. George's, St. Catharines.*
W. Bro. John A. Leeper, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Toronto.*
W. Bro. W. P. Gundy, W.M.; R. W. Bros. Thomas Ridout,
Kivas Tully and W. C. Wilkinson, and V. W. Bros. George
Tait and D. Rose, P.M's.
- No. 17. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
W. Bro. R. J. Craig, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
W. Bro. M. R. Allison, W.M.
- No. 20. *St. John's, London.*
W. Bro. Thomas Clark, W.M.; M. W. Bro. James Moffat, and
W. Bro. A. B. Greer, P.M's.
- No. 21a. *St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
W. Bro. E. A. Johnstone, P.M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
W. Bro. John Hall, W.M.; M. W. Bros. D. Spry and J. Ross
Robertson, and W. Bro. N. T. Lyon, P.M's.
- No. 23. *Richmond, Richmond Hill.*
W. Bro. James Knox, Proxy.
- No. 24. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
W. Bros. A. G. Foster, W.M., S. N. Percival, P.M.
- No. 25. *Ionic, Toronto.*
Bro. W. G. Eakins, J.W.; M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr; and R.
W. Bros. F. F. Manley, and Wm. Roaf, P.M's.
- No. 26. *Ontario, Port Hope.*
W. Bro. Edwin Brown, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson,
and W. Bro. J. Walker Quinlan, P.M's.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance, Hamilton.*
R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, P.M., Proxy; M. W. Bro. J. M.
Gibson, and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, P.M's.
- No. 28. *Mount Zion, Kemptville.*
W. Bro. A. Clothier, W.M.; V. W. Bro. O. Bascom, and W.
Bros. Thos. Johnston, J. A. Jones, R. Chambers, G. E. Hanna,
T. Conley, and W. H. Bottum, P.M's.
- No. 29. *United, Brighton.*
R. W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, Proxy.
- No. 30. *Composite, Whitby.*
W. Bro. T. A. McGillivray, W.M.
- No. 32. *Amity, Dunnville.*
W. Bro. L. A. Congdon, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 33. *Maitland, Goderich.*
W. Bro. Robert Park, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Joseph Beck, and
W. Bro. C. A. Humber, P.M's.
- No. 34. *Thistle, Amherstburg.*
V. W. Bro. Geo. Middleditch, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 35. *St. John's, Cayuga.*
V. W. Bro. D. T. Hind, Proxy.
- No. 37. *King Hiram, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. James Vance, W.M.; R. W. Bro. M. Walsh, P.M.

- No. 48. *Trent, Trenton.*
W. Bro. O. H. Bonter, W.M.; W. Bros. the Rev. W. T. Wilkins, and D. J. Walker, P.M.'s.
- No. 49. *St John's, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. W. J. Aitchison, W.M.; R. W. Bros. John Malloy, and W. G. Reid, V.W. Bro. T. McCa'llum, and W. Bros. Wm. Birrell, and John Moodie, P.M.'s.
- No. 42. *St. George's, London.*
Bro. J. L. Fitzgerald, J.W.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas, St. Thomas.*
W. Bro. H. A. McIntyre, W.M.
- No. 45. *Brant, Brantford.*
W. Bro. A. E. Harley, W.M.
- No. 46. *Wellington, Chatham.*
W. Bro. A. H. VonGuten, W.M.
- No. 47. *Great Western, Windsor.*
W. Bro. W. Holdstock, W.M.; Bros. Wm. Atkinson, S.W.; W. R. Wigle, J. W.
- No. 48. *Madoc, Madoc.*
W. Bro. A. H. Watson, W.M.
- No. 50. *Consecon, Consecon.*
R. W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, P.M., Proxy.
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Bro. F. Spain, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell, P. M.
- No. 374. *Keene, Keene.*
W. Bro. James McNeil, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 376. *Unity, Huntsville.*
R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, Proxy.
- No. 377. *Lorne, Shelburne.*
W. Bros. John Clarey, W. M., C. Mason P. M.
- No. 378. *King Solomons, London West.*
W. Bros. E. T. Essery, W. M. ; W. T. Duff, P. M.
- No. 379. *Middlesex, Bryanston.*
W. Bro. P. W. D. Broderick, Proxy.
- No. 380. *Union, London.*
W. Bro. Geo. Hampton, W. M. ; Bro. E. Gardiner, S. W. ; R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, and W. Bro's H. Stratford and O. T. Bridle, P. M.'s.
- No. 382. *Doric, Hamilton*
R. W. Bros. R. L. Gunn, P. M., Proxy ; J. J. Mason, P. M.
- No. 383. *Henderson, West Winchester.*
W. Bros. W. J. Fraser, W. M. ; R. Reddick, P. M.
- No. 384. *Alpha, Toronto.*
W. Bro. S. Hobbs, W. M. ; Bros. S. E. Hall, S. W. ; G. A. Summers, J. W. ; W. Bros. J. E. Verral and J. H. Thompson, P. M.'s.
- No. 385. *Spry, Beeton.*
W. Bro. J. R. Croft, P. M.

- No. 387. *Lansdowne, Lansdowne.*
W. Bro. J. W. Taylor, W.M.
- No. 388. *Henderson, Ilderton.*
W. Bro. T. H. Martin, W.M.
- No. 389. *Crystal Fountain, North Augusta.*
W. Bro. John Chapman, W.M.
- No. 390. *Florence, Florence.*
W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen, Proxy.
- No. 391. *Howard, Ridgetown.*
R. W. Bro. B. Paine, W.M.; V. W. Bro. George Middle
ditch, P.M.
- No. 392. *Huron, Camlachie.*
W. Bro. F. Goodier, Proxy.
- No. 393. *Forest, Chesley.*
W. Bro. Thomas Wilson, Proxy.
- No. 394. *King Solomon, Thamesford.*
W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, Proxy.
- No. 396. *Cedar, Wiarton.*
W. Bro. W. R. Gilbert, W.M.
- No. 397. *Leopold, Brigden.*
R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, Proxy.
- No. 399. *Maffat, Harrietsville.*
V. W. Bro. A. R. Rowat, Proxy.
- No. 400. *Oakville, Oakville.*
W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 401. *Craig, Deseronto.*
R. W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 403. *Windsor, Windsor.*
W. Bro. E. S. Wigle, W.M.; Bro. R. F. Golden, J.W.; R
W. Bro. J. E. D'Avignon, and W. Bro. J. S. Edgar, P.M.
- No. 404. *Lorne, Tamworth.*
W. Bro. James Aylworth, W.M.
- No. 405. *Mattawa, Mattawa.*
R. W. Bro. R. A. Klock, P.M.
- No. 408. *Murray, Beaverton.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, Proxy.
- No. 409. *Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.*
W. Bro. A. A. Mowry, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 410. *Zeta, Toronto.*
R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, W.M.; W. Bros. Wm. Walker
and C. F. Mansell, P.M's.
- No. 411. *Rodney, Rodney.*
R. W. Bro. H. F. Jell, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 412. *Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.*
W. Bro. W. J. Bradley, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst,
and V. W. Bro. D. Bole, P.M's.
- No. 413. *Naphtali, Tilbury Centre.*
W. Bro. J. B. Rankin, Proxy.
- No. 414. *Pequonga, Rat Portage.*
V. W. Bro. D. Bole, Proxy.
- No. 415. *Fort William, Fort William.*
W. Bro. Robert McGregor, W.M.
- No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*
W. Bro. George A. Hoag, W.M.; Bros. C. M. Taylor, S.W.;
A. M. Wilson, J.W.; R. W. Bro. C. W. Bullock, and W.
Bro. A. E. Cumming, P.M's.

- No. 417. *Keewatin, Keewatin Mills.*
R. W. Bro. W. H. Hearst, Proxy.
- No. 418. *Maxville, Maxville.*
W. Bro. C. T. Smith, W.M. ; Bro. L. C. Harris, J.W. ; W. Bros. S. Henry and H. McLean, P.M's.
- No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*
V. W. Bro. C. Mole, Proxy.
- No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*
W. Bros. A. R. Morris, W.M. ; W. H. Burgess, P.M.
- No. 421. *Scott, Grand Valley.*
W. Bro. G. H. Cooper, W.M.
- No. 422. *Star of the East, Bothwell.*
W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, W.M.
- No. 423. *Strong, Sundridge.*
W. Bro. A. J. Howes, W.M.
- No. 424. *Doric, Pickering.*
W. Bro. John Gormley, W.M.
- No. 425. *St. Clair, Port Lambton.*
W. Bro. W. J. Findlay, W.M. ; Bro. T. C. Cowan, S.W.
- No. 426. *Stanley, Toronto Junction.*
R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 427. *Nickel, Sudbury.*
W. Bro. W. H. Howey, W.M.
U. D. Fidelity, Port Perry.
W. Bro. A. J. Davis, W.M.
U. D. Acacia, East Toronto.
W. Bro. M. P. McMaster, W.M.

The M.W., the Grand Master, granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-Seventh Annual Communication, held at the City of London, on the 20th and 21st days of July, A.D. 1892, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read, and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in Grand Communication :—

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

We are assembled in our Thirty-Eighth Annual Communication for the purpose of reviewing the work of the past year, deliberating upon such matters as call for present action, and preparing for future labors ; let me extend to you individually and collectively my heartiest fraternal greetings.

Before entering upon the record of the year, it is my desire to give expression to a very genuine and heartfelt appreciation of the high honor you conferred on me a year ago in selecting me as your Grand Master. The comparative unanimity of opinion in making your choice greatly enhanced an honor which, in view of consciousness of want of many of the characteristic merits which distinguished my predecessors in this exalted office, would, under any circumstances be naturally regarded by me with feelings of pride and profound gratitude. In all honesty and sincerity let me assure you, that, in my estimation, no higher tribute of honor can be conferred upon any one than that which is implied in promotion to the exalted position of Ruler of the Craft in this jurisdiction. Correspondingly great are the responsibilities pertaining to the office. Not alone by presiding over the deliberations of Grand Lodge, and fulfilling the routine functions of your Chief Executive Officer, can these responsibilities be discharged. Solicitude for the general welfare of the Craft, careful supervision of the work of Subordinate Lodges, and zeal in visitations, go far to characterize the efficient ruler. But, beyond all this, Masons look for and expect from the occupant of the Grand East those qualities of head and heart which specially pertain to the truly good Mason, and an exemplification in his life and conduct of the principles and virtues which we hold dear and sacred. This Grand Lodge has in the past had abundant reason for satisfaction and thankfulness that the gavel has ever fallen into the hands of those who have proved themselves worthy, and it is my prayer to the Grand Architect of the Universe that in this, the paramount responsibility of a Grand Master, I may not disappoint my brethren.

The history of the year has not been marked by any events of unusual importance. Peace and harmony have prevailed within our borders. A satisfactory record has been made, and speaking generally, we have ample reason for contentment with the present and hopefulness for the future. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters will furnish evidence that, while these eminent brethren, entrusted with the immediate supervision and inspection of the doings of Subordinate Bodies in their respective districts, have evinced a most commendable zeal in the discharge of their important duties, there has been no falling off or slackening of Masonic work among the Lodges. Indeed, the assurances which I have received from the District Deputy Grand Masters convince me that the year has been one of gratifying progress in nearly all directions.

In the nature of things, it is to be expected that here and there instances will always occur of Lodges whose progress, for some reason or other, has been stayed. Examples are familiar to most of us where dormancy has been long protracted, as the result, in some cases, of very definite causes, while in other cases, apparently without any assignable reason. Sometimes the disease is marked by acute symptoms, while at other times it assumes a chronic tendency. It happens occasionally that remedies skilfully applied by the District Physician, going straight to the seat of disease, effect prompt restorations to a healthful condition; but cases have been known to baffle the most eminently skilful attendant, and which, under too highly scientific treatment, have resulted in death for the patients. There is frequently a difficulty in deciding whether drastic remedies or homeopathic processes should be applied, and not rarely it will be found safest to let nature take care of itself and be its own healing agency. This has not been infrequently illustrated by the spontaneous resumption of activity on the part of almost completely paralyzed lodges, and their entering upon fresh careers of Masonic work and usefulness, including payment of long standing arrears of dues. I am addressing those who know as well as I do that the Worshipful Master and the Secretary between them, to a very great extent, control the success of the lodge. Over and over again my predecessors have dwelt on the importance of wise selections for these positions being made. No promotion to either position should be allowed where reasonable doubt exists as to the successful performance of duty by those promoted. Many a lodge has suffered severely by trying experiments in the matter of Worshipful Masters, or by the mistaken generosity of its members towards wardens whose popularity, or, it may be, regularity of attendance or length of service, seem to designate them as natural recipients of the reward of higher rank, but who in reality have not the qualifications of lodge rulers. If there are to be fewer lodges languishing in a dormant or sickly condition, there must be more attention paid to the considerations to which I have referred.

DEDICATIONS.

During the year no less than ten special communications of Grand Lodge have been called for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating new Lodge Halls and Buildings to Free Masonry, virtue and universal benevolence. It is most satisfactory to observe a continuance of the general tendency that has for several years been manifested in the direction of secur-

ing more commodious and attractive homes for the craft. The privilege and pleasure were afforded me of presiding at communications for dedications on the following occasions:

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, at Port Stanley, on the 10th October, 1892.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, at St. Thomas, on the 10th October, 1892.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96 } at Barrie, on the 1st No-
and Kerr Lodge, No. 230 } vember, 1892.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, at West Toronto Junction, on the 15th November, 1892.

On this occasion M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson took part in constituting and consecrating the Lodge.

Brant Lodge, No. 5, and } at Brantford, on the 1st
Doric Lodge, No. 121. } June, 1893.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, at Deseronto, on the 4th July, 1893.

Consecration and dedication ceremonies also took place by my direction in Nickel Lodge, No. 427, and its hall at Sudbury, on the 2nd October, 1892, R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, D. D. G. M., officiating; in the new hall of Huron Lodge, No. 392, at Camlachie, on the 30th November, 1892, R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, D. D. G. M., officiating; in the new hall of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, at London East, on the 28th February, 1893, R. W. Bro. Alex. Hess, D. D. G. M., officiating, and in the new hall of Middlesex Lodge, No. 397, at Bryanston, on 2nd March, 1893, R. W. Bro. Alex. Hess, D. D. G. M., officiating.

In each case, so far as I had the opportunity of judging, the new lodge rooms, with convenient ante-rooms and other accommodation, appeared to be strikingly well planned and completed. For example, and without any intention of making invidious comparisons, it would be extremely difficult to suggest anything by way of improvement on the beautiful rooms now occupied by the brethren of Brantford, Barrie, St. Thomas and Deseronto. I deem it my duty to place on record the satisfaction I felt that so many of the elected officers of Grand Lodge attended these special communications. It has been but seldom that the Grand Senior Warden has allowed his place to be filled by others, and the Grand Junior Warden's record is almost equally praiseworthy. I am also much indebted to R. W. Bro. Bennett for valuable assistance rendered on several occasions when most needed.

The cordiality and heartiness of my reception at these different places, and the evident desire of the brethren to leave nothing undone in the matter of most generous entertainment, rendered most agreeable and enjoyable that which under any circumstances would have been performance of a pleasing duty.

CORNER STONES.

An especial communication was held at the Town of Cornwall, on the 5th day of July, instant, for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd (Anglican) with Masonic ceremonies, on which occasion I personally took part in the proceedings; and on the following day another special communication took place at New Dublin, near Brockville, when, at my request, M. W. Bro. Walkem laid, with Masonic ceremonies, the Corner Stone of St. John's Church (Anglican).

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

While it is no doubt a matter for regret with many of us that Grand Lodge as a body did not see its way clear to endorse the recommendation of the Committee to take into consideration the best means of fittingly marking the centenary of Masonry in this Province, it is a source of genuine gratification to me, as no doubt it is to Grand Lodge, that so important an occasion was not permitted to fall into the tomb of the past "unwept, unhonored and unsung." Where Grand Lodge in its wisdom hesitated to act, the brethren of Toronto, with a promptitude and energy characteristic of the Provincial Metropolis, organized and worked to a brilliant conclusion a celebration that was at once enthusiastic in its conception, successful in its progress and consummation, and historic in completeness of its detail. Very appropriately the observance of the anniversary was preceded by attendance at divine service in the Metropolitan Church, on the 18th December, at which there was a vast attendance of the craft, and where an admirable address, suitable to the occasion, was delivered by Bro. Rev. W. F. Wilson. At the Centennial Banquet, which was held on the 27th of the same month, St. John's day, nearly four hundred brethren assisted, each wearing the silver medal struck to commemorate the event. Our zealous Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, the active guiding spirit of the affair, presided, and delivered the Centennial address, presenting in eloquent diction a most interesting array of fact and incident which connectedly related the story of the Craft in

Ontario for the past hundred years, and bore testimony to the untiring research and extensive knowledge of Masonic lore for which the M. W. Brother has already acquired so widely extended a reputation. The narration created unbounded enthusiasm in his hearers, and its publication subsequently elicited the most flattering encomiums from readers in the old world as well as the new. Other speakers on this eventful occasion included the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, Bro. the Hon. George Kirkpatrick; Past Grand Masters M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., and Hugh Murray; Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C.; R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, and H. A. Collins, D.D.G.M., and V. W. Bro. Wilkinson, President of the Toronto District Past Masters' Association, and W. Bro. E. W. Gardiner. But for illness my own presence would also be recorded, and it is to me a matter for sincere regret that I was thus prevented from taking part in a celebration that marks an epoch of so much interest in the history of our Ancient Craft.

MASONIC MONUMENT.

The very imposing ceremony of unveiling the monument erected to the memory of the Fraternal Dead in Mount Pleasant cemetery at Toronto took place on Saturday afternoon, of the 24th of June last. Favored by glorious weather, the craft of Toronto to the number of about eight hundred assembled on Toronto-street, marched in procession to the railway station, and proceeded by trains to the cemetery, celebrating in this most exemplary manner the festival of St. John the Baptist, and ceremonially completing an enterprise which reflects the highest credit on the brethren of Toronto district. The occasion was a fitting sequel to the demonstration already referred to, as having for its object an emphatic marking of the centennial of Masonry in this province. The admirable programme, the presence of several Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master and several Grand Lodge officers, with other distinguished members of the Order, the immense concourse of citizens assembled, taking warm interest in the proceedings of the day, and the pleasing harmony of appropriate music, combined to render the event one of memorable prominence and importance. Addresses were delivered by R. W. Bro. Collins, D. D. G. M., M. W. Bro. Kerr, the Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson and myself. The unveiling ceremony was conducted by M. W. Bro. Robertson, by whose liberality the beautiful plot of ground had been secured for the Masons of Toronto, and

whose remarks were both eloquent and pathetically appropriate. The monument—a noble shaft of polished granite—will for generations to come mark the resting-place of departed brethren whose circumstances necessitate fraternal sympathy and aid, while testifying in stronger terms than I can command to the praiseworthy motives and sentiments of those by whom it was conceived and erected.

REVISION OF CEREMONIES.

By my request revised forms of the ceremonies of organizing, constituting and consecrating a new lodge, dedication of a Masonic hall and the funeral service, have been prepared, as well as forms in connection with the opening and closing of Grand Lodge, and the installation and investiture of Grand Lodge officers. This duty was assigned by me to the committee on the work, the results of whose labors have given so much satisfaction, and the proposed forms as settled by this committee will, when approved by me, be printed for distribution. On the several occasions of dedication of new Masonic halls, at which I personally officiated, the proposed form of ceremony was used, and was found to be a great improvement on the very incomplete and unsatisfactory form at present appended to the constitution.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

During the year a dispensation issued for a new lodge at Eden Grove in the Township of Brant, to be known as "Moravian Lodge." The petition for this dispensation was endorsed by Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, of Paisley, and recommended by the D. D. G. M., and after careful enquiry and full consideration it seemed to me that the best interests of the craft would be served by acceding to the prayer of the petition. By reference to the report of the Board of General Purposes on warrants, submitted and adopted at the last annual communication, it will be seen that the petitions for warrants presented on behalf of Acacia Lodge, of East Toronto, in District No. 11, Port Elgin Lodge, of Port Elgin, District No. 5, and Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, District No. 12, under dispensations of 16th June, 7th May and 30th April, 1892, respectively, were laid over to be dealt with at this meeting of Grand Lodge, the dispensations being continued in the meantime. These several applications for warrants I commend to your careful consideration. Judging from the work they have been doing, some of these lodges, if not all, should receive their warrants.

BY-LAWS.

Reference to the tabulated statements in the Grand Secretary's Report will reveal the fact that an unusual number of lodges have during the year revised their By-laws and forwarded same, for my approval. Not infrequently, By-laws have been forwarded without any certified copies of resolutions adopting same, and without the seals of the lodges or the signatures of the Worshipful Masters and Secretaries, and have been returned for such necessary evidence of their regular adoption by the lodges. As a matter of convenience also, when amendments of By-laws are forwarded for approval some special indication should be made of what are the particular amendments sanction of which is applied for.

RULINGS.

Grand Lodge will not receive with disapprobation the intimation that on the present occasion no list of rulings is to be submitted for approval or criticism. It would indeed be a pleasure to announce that no questions had been asked, but that has not been my fortunate experience. Year after year with almost tiresome iteration points of practice and questions of procedure have been submitted to my predecessors for judicial exposition, and one might naturally expect that the time was about to arrive when all disputed points could be considered fully explained and settled, and when human ingenuity in adding fresh material to the schedule might at length acknowledge itself baffled and exhausted. But of asking many questions there is so far no prospect of an end. I excuse myself from displaying the fusilade of queries that have been hurled at me and my rulings thereon, on the ground that in nearly, if not indeed absolutely all cases, the answers were to be found either by reference to the Constitution itself, or to decisions by my predecessors. As a rule, the most troublesome conundrums present themselves in connection with points of the least importance; in other words the difficulty in answering questions is frequently in the inverse ratio of the utility of the answers when given.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

Much misunderstanding seems to prevail on the subject of the physical qualification of candidates. Clause 220 of the constitution provides that "a candidate who can comply literally with the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, and who is mentally and morally worthy of admission is a fit subject to become a Mason," while on the other hand it is laid

down in Robertson's Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence that the initiation of a candidate who is physically defective can only be permitted by special dispensation from the Grand Master, and each case must be determined by the Grand Master upon its own circumstances. Numerous applications have been made for dispensations in cases where the physical defects were more or less marked, but in no case have I assumed to grant any special authority. When the constitution provides that a candidate who can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the work of Grand Lodge, etc., is a fit subject to become a Mason, it also in my humble opinion plainly indicates that a candidate who cannot so comply is not a fit subject, and in such case the Grand Master has no power to over-ride the constitution by granting a dispensation. It has been my uniform course to point out to the Master of the lodge that the responsibility rests with him of deciding whether the candidate may under clause 220 be initiated or otherwise. He has the opportunity and advantage of ocular demonstration, and in the nature of things can satisfy himself more easily than the Grand Master, who has to rely on a written statement, in which the defects may sometimes not be too fully set forth. But are the words "comply literally" so clear in their meaning as to preclude possibility of misunderstanding, or stand in the way of too free an exercise of discretion, or shall I say indiscretion, on the part of the Master? Literalism is that which accords with the letter of the exact word, and I presume that ability to comply strictly with the exact words of the ceremony to their very letter is what should be insisted upon, though it is to be feared there is a danger of drawing a distinction between "literal" as a merely formal sort of compliance on the one hand and as a strict and actual compliance on the other. If we are not to lapse into very loose and indefinite views on the subject of physical qualifications, I am of opinion that it will be necessary to lay down fuller and more specific instructions than are contained in the clause of the constitution to which I have referred.

A special commission was appointed by me to take evidence and report on a case of the initiation of a candidate having an artificial foot with metal fastenings, which he wore through the ceremony. I was led to believe that the Master persisted in conferring the degree after consultation with the District Deputy Grand Master, and distinct warning against such a course. The report of the commission, while sufficiently definite on the physical defect of the candidate, omits reference to

the prohibitory warning of the D.D.G.M., and as this seems to me an important element for consideration in the case, I have referred the report to the Board of General Purposes, with a view to such further action as may be called for.

In all these cases of physical defects, so far as my advice has been offered, I have chosen to lean decidedly towards the ancient charges in preference to what might be termed an unduly liberal construction of the constitution.

RESIDENCE.

Few questions which arise for adjudication occasion more perplexity than those relating to residence. The term "residence" admits of a variety of definitions, but in all of them the idea of a house, and a sleeping apartment seems to be either expressed or implied. There is a difference between a man's residence and his domicile. Residence may be transient in its nature, whereas domicile is residence with the intention of remaining for an unlimited time. Residence is where one habitually sleeps, and *prima facie* a man's home is where his wife lives, if he has a wife. A man is a resident of a place which he makes his place of abode—his dwelling place. In a standard work on registration it is laid down that in order to constitute residence a party must possess at least a sleeping apartment. It is possible to have more than one residence at the same time, as in the case of a man having two houses, living at each when he pleases, but this occurs very rarely. Unmarried men who have fully severed the parental or home relation, and who have entered the world to labor for themselves, usually acquire a residence in the locality where they are employed, if they are bona fide pursuing their employment there with no fixed residence elsewhere. Continuous residence for a year may have taken place, notwithstanding temporary absence during the year, and even though, for business or other reasons, the absence may have been somewhat prolonged, while, on the other hand, there will be no year's residence within the meaning of the Constitution, if during the year there has been a breach of residence even for a single day. The test of whether continuity of residence is or is not affected by absence, either short or prolonged, is the *animus revertendi*. Actual complete removal or transit to a new locality, with the intention of residing in the new locality, constitutes change of residence, and no matter how soon the intention to remain may be abandoned and a return to the former locality of residence take place, a break happens, and the year of continuous residence must begin over again. Sometimes, when young

men leave the parental home, and engage in the occupation of a commercial traveller or adopt a seafaring life, special difficulty arises in deciding whether a new residence is acquired, in the former case at the locality of the firm or house travelling for, and in the latter case at some particular port of sailing. It is seldom that the facts in any two cases are exactly alike. Sometimes there is a complete absence of intention of any kind in the matter of residence, and the facts do not seem to warrant any imputation of an intention. Sometimes for special reasons a strong desire is shown to be treated as a resident of a locality when the facts go to indicate some other locality as more probably the true residence. The year's residence qualifying a candidate for the jurisdiction of the Lodge must be immediately prior to the date of the application, the residence in such jurisdiction still continuing. The safest course for the Masonic ruler to adopt is to make full inquiry into all the facts, apply thereto the principles I have endeavored to lay down, and in this way make up his mind uninfluenced in the slightest degree by the intending candidate's wishes or preferences, or by any motives of convenience or advantage.

LEGISLATION.

It is a matter of congratulation that but very few suggestions of change of the Constitution will this year engage your attention. Regarding some of the motions, of which notices have been given, there will probably be but little difference of opinion, while as to others, it cannot be said in any sense that they deal with subjects of pressing importance. Once more the question of prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors at all refreshment tables in connection with Masonic Lodges, will be presented to you for such action as you may deem called for. It may assist in the deliberation of how far there is an evil in the customs or habits of the Craft at their meetings requiring a remedy, when I state that in two-thirds of the Lodges visited by me during the year, tea or coffee appeared to be the strongest beverage used, and I believe some of the District Masters can furnish even stronger testimony of the temperance tendencies of the times as exemplified in connection with Masonic meetings or assemblies.

THE ELECTION AND INSPECTION OF OFFICERS.

My attention has been called to the difficulties presented in connection with the custom of electing officers of Lodges in the festival month of December, so far as the inspectoral work of

District Deputy Grand Masters is concerned. Out of 347 Lodges, 75 hold their elections in June, and install on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, and 272 hold their elections in December, and install on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The D.D.G.M. for each district is elected at the annual communication of Grand Lodge in July, so that in the case of Lodges in which elections are held in December he has either to make two visits to inspect two sets of officers, or he must be content with one visit to inspect officers elected either in his predecessor's term, or after December in his own. It might be a difficult matter to make a change, especially as so many of our Lodges adhere to the winter festival for installation, and yet it seems to me that the subject is worthy of consideration. By some different arrangement additional interest might be imparted to the work of the D.D.G.M., if he could be in touch with the one set of officers in each Lodge during his entire term, and possibly a greater impetus might be given to the celebration of the festival in December, as regards its social, fraternal, and, perhaps, oratorical features. We often hear brethren remark that on the festival night so much time is taken up with installation that the hour for assembling at the social board is away into the night, instead of early evening. The reunion of brethren at our festivals is an element of Craft work, and, conducted, as it always is, with decorum and moderation, materially strengthens friendships and brightens the pathway of Lodge life; and, therefore, for the comfort, not only of ourselves, but of those who watch for our footfall, we should, in accordance with the maxims of the Craft, be with them at seasonable hours. As a matter of custom in the early days of the craft, the summer festival of St. John had precedence, and the mother Grand Lodge of England, from which all English-speaking Lodges hail, was revived at the June festival. I refer to this subject, not for the purpose of suggesting action, but rather by way of inviting consideration.

BENEVOLENCE.

Undoubtedly the close and special attention given for several years past by our immediate Past Grand Master to the improvement of the system, as well as more business-like methods in the administration of our benevolence, has been productive of most useful results. The time had come when a thorough investigation of the facts and circumstances connected with each grant was called for. Applications had been sent in and recommended without that careful inquiry into and consideration of the merits which should always be had. There

was not, in all cases, that complete discrimination which there should have been, and Lodges had begun to act on the principle that it was quite the correct thing to get as much as possible of what was going, whether particularly needed or not. The best test of the sincerity and value of a recommendation by a Lodge for relief is the amount of relief contributed by the Lodge itself before coming to Grand Lodge with a case ; and it is beginning to be pretty well understood that charity should begin at home, that Grand Lodge is not the central authority of a mere benefit society, and that grants from the general funds of the Craft are to be considered as merely supplementary of local relief. The valuable report of the painstaking and conscientious brother, who was commissioned to investigate in detail the applications made to Grand Lodge, at the session of the year 1891, is on the face of it convincing testimony that the schedule of benefactions needed revision. I recommend that during the ensuing year the work of investigation be further pursued, so as to cover all cases not embraced in the report referred to, and such other cases as may seem to the Benevolent Board to call for special information.

THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

My perusal of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges convinces me that the work of this Association has had a most beneficial effect in connection with transient applicants for relief. Through its instrumentality during the year 1892, the names of no less than one thousand one hundred and forty fraudulent seekers for help from Masons were discovered and made known. Information from every available source is secured and published each month, and at an expense of one-half cent per member each lodge receives the monthly lists of names and descriptions.

While it is a sad commentary on the lack of caution which characterizes the admission to many of the lodges in the countries of the Old Land, it is, nevertheless, a fact that seven out of every ten cases are found to be unworthy of relief. It is computed that the warning circulars of this Association have on this continent saved the Craft generally, on an average, from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year. In Canada it is estimated that the saving to Boards of Relief may be counted by thousands. In the United States the results have been proportionately beneficial. These results very forcibly appeal to the good sense and sympathy of all who desire to see that only those who are worthy receive the funds devoted for relief.

THE RIGHT OF BURIAL AND THE COST OF FUNERALS.

It is one of the unwritten maxims of the Craft—some who fashion landmarks call it a landmark—that every Master Mason has the right and may demand, either by himself or by his friends, Masonic burial. I have no desire to differ with what in this country has become an acknowledged privilege—although there is no Grand Lodge regulation bearing upon it—and yet, in one or two regards, the subject should be referred to. The right to Masonic burial does not imply that a lodge is called upon to pay the funeral expenses of a deceased brother. This so-called landmark has been strained in its meaning, and has found its way into by-laws of Lodges, which provide for the expenses of burial. I am advised that, in some Lodges, the expenditure on this account is very heavy, and, while it is in the highest sense commendable to aid those who are in circumstances of distress, yet there may be cases where Lodges are asked to do what families and relatives of deceased are perfectly able and competent to do. In some Lodges, especially in the cities, the brethren have been called upon to pay for four or five funerals in the year. This means an expenditure in some cases of from three to four hundred dollars. While Lodges have a perfect right to expend their own moneys as they see fit, in the interest of the Craft at large it is not out of place to point out that excessive expenditure should be avoided, and that, when the cost is borne by the Lodge, it should be a moderate amount, not exceeding what will secure unostentatious and decent burial. Some years ago a city Lodge was asked by a family, who were well able to bear the expense, to expend \$125 for the funeral of a brother, the father of the household. When it was pointed out that such a large expenditure was unnecessary, the family replied that they had always understood that it was one of the rights of a Mason to have Masonic burial, and to have all expenses paid. It is needless to say that the order was countermanded by the Secretary of the Board of Relief, and the expense reduced one-half. In many jurisdictions Masonic funerals are the exception. In England they are rare; on the continent of Europe they are only occasional, while in the United States they prevail to a greater or lesser extent. In Canada there are a larger number of funeral ceremonies held, in proportion to the membership, than in any other jurisdiction, and the attendance at many of them is not at all in proportion to the amount of respect we are presumed to have for those who have passed away. Pecuniary benefits are not an essential feature of Ma-

sonry, as is the case with societies specially formed and organized with that end in view—societies which have done and are doing a great deal of good—and it accordingly behooves Lodges to exercise a prudent economy in their expenditures along this line. It has been suggested, and I think with much reason, that the form of summoning and holding emergent Lodge meetings an hour or two before funerals, for the purpose of marching in procession from the Lodge-room to the residence of the deceased brother, might, at the discretion of the W.M., be dispensed with, the brethren being notified to assemble at the house, and there, at the call of the W.M., assuming their Masonic clothing and forming into procession. At the grave, after the service, they might be called aside by the W.M., and the members dismissed. The regalia of the Lodge officers could very well be entrusted to an officer of the Lodge. In these busy days, many brethren could devote an hour or two to attendance at a funeral who cannot afford to lose a whole afternoon.

OUR SURPLUS.

As a general rule, when the financial features of ordinary institutions are healthy and sound, pretty much all is well; but this by no means necessarily applies to Masonic bodies, which depend more for their success on other and higher considerations than annual statements of assets and liabilities, and comfortable additions to the reserve. At the same time, all will agree that we are happy in the possession of safe and sound interest-bearing securities, for the by no means inconsiderable sum of \$75,000. The question has often been asked, What is to be done with this fund? Is it never to be used for any practical purpose? Some have suggested the advisability of establishing a Home for the unfortunate of our fraternity, or their widows or children, while others propose that, until some well-matured scheme for disposing of the surplus is arrived at, the Grand Lodge dues should be reduced by one-half. Whatever scheme or enterprise the attention of the Craft may in future be directed to, involving the outlay of our savings, let it not be considered that meantime this money is idle. It is earning interest, and it should be a source of pride, as well as satisfaction to us all, that so large a proportion of our annual grant for benevolent purposes is met from this source of revenue. At a time when all is going well, and we feel least apprehension for the future, we should not depart from the sound and thrifty financial policy which has hitherto been pursued, of continuing to add to the investments already made

and ensuring the future financial stability and strength of the Craft in this jurisdiction. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," is all very well as a motto, under certain circumstances, but always a most unsafe principle as the foundation of a financial policy. The subordinate Lodges will not, I trust, become tired of the present scale of contributions to the funds of Grand Lodge until the same are found, by experience, to constitute a real burden; nor should Grand Lodge make any distinct departure from the present simple, safe and sound method of dealing with the surplus, so long as there appears no pressing necessity of entering upon some well-defined enterprise in the interests of the Craft, that has secured our practically unanimous approval.

LODGE REPRESENTATION AND PROXIES.

While, my brethren, laying no claim to any special wisdom by reason of my occupancy of the exalted position you have placed me in, it is nevertheless within my province, as well as in the line of my duty, to present to you such suggestions on any subject as may appear to me worthy of your consideration. In inviting your attention to the present system of proxies which obtains in this Grand Lodge I am doing nothing original. My immediate predecessor urged very strongly a year ago the propriety of considering the apportionment of the voting power on the floor of Grand Lodge, as between the Past Masters and the direct representatives of the Lodges. He spoke strongly of the abuse of the proxy system, and in an interesting statistical table demonstrated that during the preceding fifteen years, 25 per cent. of the Lodges represented at our annual communications were so represented by proxy. The table does not indicate what proportion of such proxies were held by Past Masters of the Lodges--information which would have been of much value. Opinions will probably differ very widely as to the advisability of any action having for its object the curtailment of the voting powers of Past Masters. I am by no means prepared to admit that the time is even nigh when there should be any interference with the status of these brethren in Grand Lodge. In the vast majority of cases the Past Masters, who devote the time and expense necessary in attendance at Grand Lodge meetings, are men of ripe experience, of much more than ordinary skill in the Craft, and of ability to contribute to our deliberations valuable expressions of independent judgment. Though technically they may not be fresh from the electorate, they nevertheless owe their rank and position to their brethren, and naturally represent local

opinion on subjects of Masonic interest and importance. While the newly-elected Master who attends Grand Lodge, it may be for the first time, feels a diffidence, or is restrained by excess of modesty from urging his views on matters which, in his opinion, should be discussed, we all know from observation, how readily and how forcibly the more experienced Past Master will air a grievance, ventilate a fad, or criticize the administration of the business of Grand Lodge. Rightly or wrongly, I confess to having always entertained a strong predilection in favor of maintaining the present rights and privileges of those brethren who have done the work and acquired the experience implied by the rank of Past Master. Indeed, many years ago I had the privilege of moving the resolution amending the constitution so as to enable Past Masters to vote for District Deputies, and I have yet to learn that on the whole such change has not worked beneficially. But as to proxies, without going into any argument in detail, there seems to me room for improvement of our system. It is not a seemly thing that any brother should come to Grand Lodge armed with or controlling proxies sufficient to ensure his own election as District Master. None of us may know of such cases specially, but some of this has often been heard of. In view of the infrequency of special instructions from Lodges ever accompanying their proxies, is there not much to be said in favor of Lodges whose officers cannot attend our annual communications, having their choice of proxies restricted to their Past Masters? Some of the undesirable features that crop out in connection with the scrambles for office would disappear, and peradventure the result might be a larger number of Lodges represented by their own membership.

PRINTED PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE.

If not too late, I strongly urge that before a new printing contract is entered into the propriety of publishing our proceedings in larger type be considered. Not to say anything of our own convenience, we should have some regard for the opinions of others, and when we are told by one sister Grand Lodge that "the typographical work of the volume is hardly worthy of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that it is not creditable to any Craft," and the suggestion is made by another that we should get out our proceedings on a more liberal basis, "else we may be called upon to furnish spectacles with magnifying glasses to American readers," it certainly seems that we have not been giving proper attention to the matter. The extra cost of printing in larger type would be a mere bagatelle.

THE GRAND LODGE OF OKLAHOMA.

On the 10th day of November, 1892, a new Masonic jurisdiction on this continent was organized under the name of "The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory." The latest addition to the list of Grand Lodges is the offspring of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and the parent seems not only to have been present taking an active part in bringing the new child into the world, but to have shown a most commendable motherly solicitude for it during its extreme infancy. Formal announcement of this recently organized separate jurisdiction has been made to other Grand Lodges throughout the world, with request for fraternal recognition, extension of Masonic courtesies and exchange of Grand Representatives. A report thereon will be submitted to you by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Nothing has occurred during the year to interrupt in any sense the harmonious nature of our relations with all foreign jurisdictions. Some changes in the representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand have taken place, which will appear in the Grand Secretary's Report, and these will, I trust, meet with your approval and confirmation. In February last formal announcement was made to me by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the withdrawal of all the representatives of that Grand Lodge near other Grand Masters, and soon afterwards M.W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, P.G.M., of Pennsylvania, in accordance with this newly adopted policy tendered his resignation as the representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and returned his commission. The reasons assigned for this action on the part of our greatly respected neighbor are, that the fraternal courtesy of interchanging representatives has become superfluous and unnecessary, and practically subserves no recognized advantages—that official communication between the several Grand Masters is carried on directly with each other under their private seal, or by, or through their Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and that the promptness of such communication is so well served by railroads, posts and telegraphs that the representative has no official duty whatever to perform. The announcement contained an expression of earnest desire and hope that the fraternal and cordial relations existing between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and this Grand Lodge might continue in true

Masonic spirit. Though as yet no formal notification has come to hand, the Grand Lodge of Iowa has adopted the same line of policy on this subject, and struck out of their code the section relating to Grand representatives, while the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has never recognized the system. Instances, it is said, have occurred of friction arising between Grand Masters in the discussion of points of practice and etiquette in the matter of appointing and recognizing, or rejecting and withdrawing recognition, and the dismissal of representatives. Where for any reason danger exists of misunderstanding arising out of such matters, it would certainly seem a reasonable thing to mutually agree upon withdrawal of representatives on both sides ; but it is to be hoped that such cases are very exceptional, and though there seems at present a growing disposition to wipe out altogether the system of representatives, as being more a matter of ornament than utility, or more a matter of sentiment than practical importance, in my judgment, not having experienced any of the inconveniences that have been pointed out, we should not change for the mere sake of change. In the pioneer days of Masonry this outward expression of fraternity was carried to such an extent that individual lodges in Canada had their representatives at individual lodges in the United States, such representations subsequently being confined to the Grand Lodges after their organization. The system costs nothing, and circumstances can be imagined, and have occurred, under which representatives abroad have been of practical service and advantage. But apart from any other reason the manifestation to the world of satisfactory relationship between Grand Lodges, which appears to be implied in these appointments, as well as the opportunity afforded for formal interchange of courtesies and exhibition of the spirit of fraternity, which otherwise might seldom or never present itself, as between sister jurisdictions more or less remote from one another, seem a sufficient justification of the continuance of a custom, which, if not very useful, has, at all events so far as we are concerned, proved most agreeable.

I am pleased to observe from the notices of motion that your attention will be called to the consideration of the question whether it is expedient that any brother should represent more than one Grand Lodge. My own view is adverse to such honors being accumulated by any brother, but it must be borne in mind that these appointments are not made by Grand Lodge. As a matter of fact, by comity between Grand Lodges,

suggestions are from time to time made from the one to the other of names of brethren who would fittingly wear the honor; but the appointment and the commission come from the Grand Lodges represented, and the only control we can exercise over these appointments is the control we may exercise over the brethren appointed, or the refusal to recognize their appointments. It should be stated that in all cases where a plurality of appointments, are held by any of our brethren, such appointments have been made by the Foreign Grand Lodges without reference to this Grand Lodge or suggestion from its Grand Master.

GRANT TO ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

A year ago the sum of \$500 was ordered to be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge towards the relief of Masons who were sufferers by reason of the disastrous fire at St. John's, Newfoundland. Before directing remittance of the amount thus voted, I put myself in communication with R. W. Bro. Sir W. V. Whiteway, Attorney-General of Newfoundland and District Grand Master for England, with a view to ascertaining the number of the sufferers and settling the mode of distribution. Of the three Lodges, 177 members had been burnt out, about one-half of whom were in need of assistance, and about twenty of whom were pressing cases. In addition to these were widows and orphans, the approximate number not being given. Two of the Lodges are under English jurisdiction, presided over by R. W. Bro. Sir W. V. Whiteway, and one under Scotch jurisdiction, presided over by R. W. Bro. Hon. Alexander MacKay. It was arranged that these eminent brethren and the three Worshipful Masters of the Lodges should be a committee to superintend the distribution of our grant, and the amount thereof was remitted to R. W. Bro. Whiteway on that understanding. This considerate and timely action on our part in some measure at least contributed to the relief of many cases of pressing need and sore distress. It certainly brought to us in return an expression of warmest feelings of gratefulness.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY.

From our sister Grand Lodge of Quebec comes the voice of mourning for two brethren, who held most eminent positions in the Craft—two of its distinguished and honored Past Grand Masters, viz., M. W. Bro. Edwin R. Johnson, who occupied the Grand East for the years 1883, 1884, and 1885, and M. W. Bro. James Frederick Walker, Grand Master for the years

1886 and 1887. The former had been a lawyer of much ability, practising his profession at Stanstead. At the time of his death he was Sheriff of St. Francis District. The deep respect and high esteem in which he was regarded were unmistakably testified by the widely representative concourse of sorrowing friends and brethren who took part in the last sad offices, dropping a sympathetic tear over his grave. M. W. Bro. Walker was an old Hamilton school boy, and at an early age entered the service of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway Company, afterwards taking a position at Montreal in connection with the Grand Trunk Railway, in the service of which company he rose by promotions from time to time to the responsible office of General Traffic Auditor, which he held at the time of his death. His Masonic career was very active and brilliant, marked ability characterizing his work in every position held by him in the Craft. Though the greater part of his business life was spent in the Province of Quebec, he always seemed to be one of ourselves, for, apart from his boyhood associations being with us, it was in Victoria Lodge No. 56, Sarnia, that he first saw Masonic light, and for many years past his face has been familiar in Masonic circles in this Province. Clear-headed and bright intellectually, with a vigorous and manly address, and withal a warm and genial disposition, he was well and widely known and universally admired, both as a man and a brother. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has our genuine sympathy in these recent bereavements.

The Grand Lodge of Nevada is mourning the death of Grand Master M. W. Bro. John H. Hubbs, who died in the City of San Francisco, on 10th May last. This bereavement has a special interest for us, and evokes our special sympathy, by reason of the fact that Bro. Hubbs was a native of this Province, and was made a Mason in Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, on 1st October, 1873.

Without the slightest intention of encroaching upon the province of the committee entrusted with the melancholy duty of placing on record appropriate references to the more prominent of our own brethren who have been called away, I may be pardoned for a few expressions regarding one brother whose death on 7th March last leaves a very distinct vacancy in the ranks of the fraternity at Hamilton. R.W. Bro. Richard Bull was the first Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and was District Deputy Grand Master, during different years, for the Hamilton and Montreal Districts. Having been initiated in Barton Lodge in 1842, he

had passed the fiftieth anniversary, an occasion which the brethren of Hamilton very fitly and gracefully celebrated. He was remarkably well skilled in the ritual and symbolism of Masonry, and ever experienced the utmost delight in imparting that instruction to his brethren which his long and ripe experience and rare facility for speaking so well qualified him to afford. Probably in his best days he was without his equal as a worker, and until less than a week from his departure he was still working among us. His gentleness of manner, cheerfulness and amiability of disposition and genuine kindness of heart endeared him to his brethren. While he still lingered with us he was a link between the present and the past generations of the fraternity. If our individual personalities in life here on earth are continued into the world to come, R.W. Bro. Bull will never be a drone in the Grand Lodge above.

FRATERNAL CONGRESS AT CHICAGO.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 8th October, 1891, a resolution was adopted in favor of joining with other Grand jurisdictions of the United States and other nations in holding a Fraternal Congress in the City of Chicago at some time during the continuance of the World's Fair. The opinion was expressed that such Fraternal Congress should not be held with a view to the formation of a general Grand Body, but for the interchange of fraternal sentiments concerning the general interests of Masonry throughout the world, and especially looking to a greater uniformity in the mode of recognition and the fundamental features which characterize our system the world over. Five delegates, representing the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, were appointed to act with other jurisdictions desirous of joining in the proposition, the Grand Master being ex-officio the Chairman of such delegates. A circular embodying the proposals adopted by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was sent forth to other jurisdictions, and though a variety of opinions as to the utility or even the expediency of such a convention have been expressed, the proposition has, on the whole, been favorably received. It will be remembered that my distinguished predecessor, M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, in his annual deliverances of the past two years, referred approvingly to the proposal of such a congress, and his remarks on the subject were concurred in by this Grand Lodge. The rather obvious novelty or anomaly of a meeting of Grand Lodge representatives from all parts of the world, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge

of Illinois, self invited, has been relieved by the action of the Grand lodge of Illinois. The following extract from the report of a Special Committee on the Fraternal Congress speaks for itself, "Constrained alike by the obligations of hospitality and by its favorable disposition towards such a Congress, so long as it involves no purpose to form a general Grand Lodge, or to bind in any way the Grand Lodges represented therein, the Grand Lodge of Illinois will welcome most cordially the representatives of all Grand Lodges of free and accepted Masons with which it may be in fraternal correspondence, to the jurisdiction proposed to be honored by their presence, and will gladly unite with them through its own representatives in all deliberations tending to strengthen the ties of fellowship and to reach a more general consensus upon all subjects tending to cause friction between Sovereign and Independent Grand Bodies." With this promise of cordial welcome from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and this carefully guarded definition of the objects of the Congress, it is safe to say that whatever may be accomplished of benefit to the Masonic world by deliberation and action on the lines proposed, fears as to any assumption of power by an assembly constituted as proposed, or of any encroachment upon the Independance or Sovereignty of the Grand Lodges represented, seem to be entirely groundless. In the month of April last a circular letter issued from the Grand East of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to all Grand Lodges within the fraternal correspondence of that Grand Body, emphasizing and reiterating the assurance of cordial welcome to the Craft of other jurisdictions composing the Congress. The Congress will open at 10 o'clock on Monday, 14th August next, and I recommend that the generous invitation be accepted, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada be represented on this important occasion by not more than five delegates.

VISITATIONS.

Apart from the occasions on which I deemed it a special duty to be present in my official character, my visitations during the year have not been very numerous. Unfortunately during the winter months, when I might have expected to appear more or less frequently among my brethren, I was for a long period kept in by illness, and, even after resuming my ordinary avocations, was inhibited from attending public meetings. The loss has been my own. The welcome accorded to me on visits to St. Andrew's, Doric, Zetland, and Rehoboth Lodges, in Toronto, and White Oak Lodge, in Oakville,

were most cordial and flattering, testifying in a very unmis-
takable manner the strongest bonds of fraternal sympathy
existing between the rank and file of the Craft and him who
for the time being is honored by becoming their ruler. On
some of the occasions to which I have referred the concourse
of brethren was very numerous, overtaxing for even standing
room the limits of the spacious hall in Toronto.

CLOSING OBSERVATIONS.

I have thus, my brethren, referred to some portions of the
record of the past year, and given expression to such sugges-
tions as have occurred to me, and though in doing so my in-
tention was to be very brief, my fear is that I have become
tedious. During my period of office, other spheres of duty,
with their incessant calls and pressing responsibilities, have
prevented me from accomplishing all that I could have wished;
but I have done what I could, and have thoroughly enjoyed
the work. The ever ready counsel of my predecessors has
been at my service; that living compendium of useful know-
ledge in general and Grand Lodge information in particular—
the Grand Secretary, who is about to enter upon the twentieth
year of his office, which we all trust he will continue to fill for
two or three decades more—has always been near at hand and
prompt to assist me; while on all hands I have received inspi-
ration and encouragement from the numerous proofs of sym-
pathy and confidence extended to me by my brethren. The
year has been one of peace and prosperity. Scarcely a dis-
cordant note has sounded in any part of the jurisdiction, and,
if at all, only in a low and subdued tone, soon to die away or
else blend in the general strain of harmony which has happily
prevailed. Our material interests are flourishing, as the re-
ports submitted will fully establish; general efficiency in
carrying on the work is the rule, with exceptions most agree-
ably rare; and the labors of the District Deputies in visita-
tions, superintendence and guidance, have been most conscien-
tiously and intelligently performed. But while we do well to
strive for perfection of organization, and naturally view with
satisfaction advance in our numbers and increase of our re-
sources, with special reason for congratulation that intelligent
skill in rendition of the ritual is the rule with few exceptions,
important beyond all other considerations is the practical
exemplification in daily life of the principles which lie at the
foundation of our system. Masonry is a failure if in our daily
experience we do not succeed in securing definite and distinct

realizations of its true meaning and spirit. Life is short ; with each of us the sands of time will soon run out ; our record here is daily and hourly being made, and cannot be recalled. How far is it composed of deeds of love and kindness ? How far have the principles we profess been actually applied to and interwoven with the transactions and ordinary routine of our busy lives ? May the Most High enable us to live and act consistently with our profession, so that while we stand before the world, occupying prominently representative positions as rulers in the Craft, we may ever deserve to be recognized as good Masons.

J. M. GIBSON,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved—That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I beg to present to Grand Lodge my Annual Report, containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, with return of Subordinate Lodges as at June 24, 1893, and ledger balances to May 31, 1893, together with, by the instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of Especial Communications summoned, dispensations issued, by-laws and amendments thereto approved, Grand Representatives appointed, and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The receipts and expenditure from 1st June, 1892, to 31st May, 1893, have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Certificates	\$ 2,929 00
Dues	10,719 50
Fees	1,595 75
Dispensations	195 00
Warrants	10 00
Constitutions	474 50
Commutation Fees	250 00
P. M. Certificates	5 00
Interest, general	3,463 19
Interest, asylum fund ..	449 00
Fees for healing	50 00
Contributions to St. John's, Nfld.	70 00
Miscellaneous	893 00

Carried forward\$21,103 94

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EXPENDITURE.

Grand Secretary's salary.	\$1,600 00
Grand Secretary's assistant's salary.....	800 00
Grand Treasurer's salary	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	175 00
Miss Place, stenographer, salary to 31st May, 1893	270 00
Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals to 31st May, 1892.....	123 12
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals to 31st May, 1893....	400 00
Times Printing Company, sundry printing.	144 75
Hunter, Rose & Co., on account printing, 1892-93	2,000 00
Copp, Clark & Co., printing certificates.....	497 06
Grand Master Robertson, postages, telegrams, etc	199 10
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
Expenses Board of General Purposes.....	675 45
R. Duncan & Co., stationery	72 25
Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada	110 00
Rent Opera House, and sundries, annual meeting of G. L.	182 50
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond.....	50 00
R. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, balance for services and expenses <i>re</i> investigation benevolence....	225 55
Insurance on regalia....	17 50
Grand Secretary's expenses attending meeting of Guild of Grand Secretaries at Denver.	74 00
San Francisco Board of Relief, amount contributed towards relief of widow of a brother of our jurisdiction.....	80 00

Carried forward\$7,996 28

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$21,103 94	<i>Brought forward</i>	\$7,996 28
		Expenses preliminary meeting committee on benevolence.	64 50
		M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, travelling expenses, two years, by his direction paid to the hospital for sick children, Toronto.	1,000 00
		Amount voted for testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, by his direction paid to hospital for sick children, Toronto.	250 00
		Orders on benevolence.	8,171 25
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ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were called :

On the 5th July, 1893, at the town of Cornwall, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Anglican), M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

On the 6th July, 1893, at the village of New Dublin, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of St. John's Church (Anglican), M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, P.G.M., officiating as Grand Master.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The M. W. the Grand Master extended the dispensations of the following lodges until the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge :

Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, Ontario District No. 12.

Port Elgin Lodge, Port Elgin, North Huron District No. 5.

Acacia Lodge, East Toronto, Toronto District No. 11.

And on the 13th March, 1893, the M. W. the Grand Master issued a dispensation to Moravian Lodge, Eden Grove, North Huron District No. 5.

DEDICATIONS.

By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following halls have been dedicated for Craft purposes during the year :

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury, October 2, 1892, R. W. Bro. Isaac Huber, officiating as Grand Master.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas, on the 10th October,

1892, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, on the 10th October, 1892, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, and Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie, on the 1st November, 1892, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction, on the 15th November, 1892, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie, on the 30th November, 1892, R. W. Bro. A. E. Harvey, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London East, on 28th February, 1893, R. W. Bro. Alex. Hess, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston, on 2nd March, 1893, R. W. Bro. Alex. Hess, D. D. G. M., officiating as Grand Master.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, and Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, on 1st June, 1893, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto, on 4th July, 1893, M. W. Bro. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master, officiating.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren, upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, have been appointed Grand Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Canada :

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of England, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. the Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Reid, of Hamilton, for the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.

R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, of Kincardine, for the Grand Lodge of Vermont, for a further period of five years.

R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of Washington, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz.

And on the recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, the Grand Master has appointed R. W. Bro. Simeon P. Guillet, of Evansville, as our Representa-

tive, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. W. Bro. Robert Van Valzah.

REVISION OF LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised, and approved of the By-laws of the following Lodges :

July 19th, 1892....	Washington Lodge	No. 260, Petrolia.
July 19th, "	Chaudiere Lodge	" 264, Ottawa.
Aug. 17th, "	Granite Lodge	" 352, Parry Sound.
Aug. 25th, "	Madawaska Lodge	" 196, Arnprior.
Sept. 14th, "	Beaver Lodge	" 83, Strathroy.
Sept. 14th, "	Merriit Lodge	" 168, Welland.
Sept. 19th, "	Central Lodge	" 110, Prescott.
Sept. 19th, "	Richmond Lodge	" 23, Richmond Hill.
Sept. 19th, "	Prince Arthur Lodge	" 333, Flesherston.
Sept. 24th, "	Mount Olivet Lodge	" 300, Thorndale.
Oct. 8th, "	Malahide Lodge	" 140, Aylmer.
Oct. 13th, "	Dalhousie Lodge	" 52, Ottawa.
Dec. 3rd, "	Manito Lodge	" 90, Collingwood.
Dec. 3rd, "	Lebanon Lodge	" 139, Oshawa.
Dec. 9th, "	Guelph Lodge	" 258, Guelph.
Jan. 11th, 1893....	Macoy Lodge	" 242, Mallorytown.
Jan. 11th, "	Niagara Lodge	" 2, Niagara.
Jan. 11th, "	Harris Lodge	" 216, Orangeville.
Jan. 14th, "	Corsecon Lodge	" 50, Consecon.
Feb. 6th, "	Lake Lodge	" 215, Ameliasburg.
Feb. 6th, "	Salem Lodge	" 368, Brockville.
Mar. 3rd, "	Golden Rule Lodge	" 126, Campbellford.
Mar. 25th, "	Sharon Lodge	" 97, Sharon.
Mar. 25th, "	North Star Lodge	" 322, Owen Sound.
April 14th, "	St. John's Lodge	" 63, Carleton Place.
April 15th, "	Pythagoras Lodge	" 137, Meaford.
April 28th, "	St. Andrew's Lodge	" 16, Toronto.
April 28th, "	St. John's Lodge	" 104, Norwich.
May 27th, "	Norfolk Lodge	" 10, Simcoe.
July 1st, "	Plattsville Lodge	" 178, Plattsville.
July 10th, "	King Solomon's Lodge	" 394, Thamesford.
July 10th, "	Alpha Lodge	" 384, Parkdale.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised, and approved of Amendments to the By-laws of the following lodges :

Aug. 17th, 1892....	Farran's Point Lodge,	No. 256, Farran's Point.
Aug. 25th, "	Zetland Lodge	" 326, Toronto.
Sept. 19th, "	Simpson Lodge	" 157, Newboro'.
Sept. 23rd, "	Bismarck Lodge	" 419, Point Edward.
Oct. 17th, "	Rehoboam Lodge	" 65, Toronto.
Nov. 5th, "	Spry Lodge	" 385, Beeton.
Nov. 30th, "	Great Western Lodge	" 47, Windsor.
Dec. 13th, "	Lorne Lodge	" 404, Tamworth.
Dec. 23rd, "	St. Thomas Lodge	" 44, St. Thomas.
Dec. 27th, "	Lebanon Lodge	" 159, Oshawa.
Dec. 29th, "	Stanley Lodge	" 426, Tor. Junction.
Jan. 10th, 1893....	Parvaim Lodge	" 395, Comber.

Jan. 14th, 1893.	....Cornwall Lodge	No. 125, Cornwall.
Feb. 6th, "	....Strict Observance Lodge	" 27, Hamilton.
Mar. 16th, "	....Beaver Lodge	" 83, Strathroy.
Mar. 25th, "	....Maple Leaf Lodge	" 103, St. Catharines.
April 3rd, "	....Dufferin Lodge	" 299, West Flamboro'.
April 14th, "	....Windsor Lodge	" 403, Windsor.
April 14th, "	....St. John's Lodge	" 82, Paris.
April 17th, "	....Maxville Lodge	" 418, Maxville.
June 3rd, "	....Shuniah Lodge	" 287, Port Arthur.
June 9th, "	....Rehoboam Lodge	" 65, Toronto.
June 9th, "	....St. George's Lodge	" 367, Toronto.
June 12th, "	....Zetland Lodge	" 326, Toronto.
July 1st, "	....St. John's Lodge	" 41, Hamilton.
July 15th, "	....Farran's Point Lodge	" 256, Farran's Point.
July 15th, "	....Wellington Lodge	" 46, Chatham.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued, by instruction of the W. M. the Grand Master, the following dispensations from July 28th, 1892, to July 15th, 1893 :

DISPENSATIONS.

Date.	No. of Lodge.	Name and Place of Lodge.	For What Granted.
July 28, 1892.....	400	Oakville, Oakville.....	To Attend Divine Service.
" 28, 1892.....	129	Rising Sun, Aurora.....	" Attend Divine Service.
Aug. 30, 1892.....	120	Warren, Fingal.....	" Install Officers.
Nov. 28, 1892.....	232	Cameron, Dutton.....	" Elect Officers.
Dec. 8, 1892.....	247	Ashlar, Toronto.....	" Install Officers.
" 12, 1892.....	364	Dufferin, Melbourne.....	" Install Officers.
" 13, 1892.....	311	Blackwood, Woodbridge.....	" Install Officers.
" 15, 1892.....	384	Alpha, Toronto.....	" Meet on a day not named in By-laws.
" 15, 1892.....	129	Rising Sun, Aurora.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 15, 1892.....	403	Windsor, Windsor.....	" Confer Degree Under Time.
" 19, 1892.....	348	Georgian, Penetanguishene.....	" Elect Officers.
" 19, 1892.....	413	Naphtali, Tilbury Centre.....	" Initiate out of Jurisdiction.
" 20, 1892.....	20	Strict Observance, Hamilton.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 20, 1892.....	94	St. Mark's, Port Stanley.....	" Attend a Ball.
" 20, 1892.....	393	Forest, Chesley.....	" Elect and Install Officers.
" 29, 1892.....	326	Zetland, Toronto.....	" Elect and Install Officers.
" 31, 1892.....	369	Mimico, Lambton.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 31, 1892.....	22	King Solomon, Toronto.....	" Install Officers.
Jan. 5, 1893.....	222	Marmora, Marmora.....	" Install Officers.
" 6, 1893.....	359	Vittoria, Vittoria.....	" Install Officers.
" 9, 1893.....	383	Henderson, Winchester.....	" Elect Secretary and Install Officers.
" 10, 1893.....	235	Aldworth, Paisley.....	" Attend a Conversatione.
" 1, 1893.....	168	Merritt, Welland.....	" Attend a Supper and Ball.
" 19, 1893.....	90	Manito, Collingwood.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 24, 1893.....	113	Wilson, Waterford.....	" Install Officers.

DISPENSATIONS.—Continued.

Date.	No. of Lodge.	Name and Place of Lodge.	For What Granted.
Jan. 31, 1893.....	172	Ayr, Ayr.....	To Install Officers.
Feb. 7, 1893.....	400	Oakville, Oakville.....	" Attend a Ball.
" 8, 1893.....	425	St. Clair, Port Lambton.....	" Attend a Ball.
" 13, 1893.....	93	Northern Light, Kincardine.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 11, 1893.....	2	Niagara, Niagara.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 17, 1893.....	110	Central, Prescott.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 18, 1893.....	305	Humber, Weston.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 27, 1893.....	423	Strong, Sundridge.....	" Install Officers.
March 21, 1893.....	86	Wilson, Toronto.....	" Initiate out of Jurisdiction.
" 24, 1893.....	224	Doric, Pickering.....	" Initiate out of Jurisdiction.
" 28, 1893.....	135	St. Clair, Milton.....	" Attend a Ball.
" 30, 1893.....	184	Old Light, Lacknow.....	" Attend an At-Home.
April 3, 1893.....	384	Alpha, Toronto.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 7, 1893.....	143	Friendly Brothers, Iroquois.....	" Attend an At-Home.
May 3, 1893.....	286	Wingham, Wingham.....	" Attend an At-Home.
" 4, 1893.....	415	Fort William, Fort William.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 5, 1893.....	400	Oakville, Oakville.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 16, 1893.....	136	Richardson, Stouffville.....	" Elect Officers.
" 18, 1893.....	29	United, Brighton.....	" Attend a Demonstration, etc.
" 30, 1893.....	398	Victoria, Victoria Road.....	" Elect Officers.
June 9, 1893.....	72	Alma, Galt.....	" Install Officers.
" 9, 1893.....	122	Renfrew, Renfrew.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 1, 1893.....	82	St. John's, Paris.....	" Install Officers.
" 12, 1893.....	399	Moffatt, Harrietsville.....	" Install Officers.
" 14, 1893.....	107	St. Paul's, Lambeth.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 16, 1893.....	333	Prince Arthur, Flesherston.....	" Attend Divine Service.

DISPENSATIONS. — *Continued.*

Date.	No. of Lodge.	Name and Place of Lodge.	For What Granted.
June 17, 1893.....	18	Prince Edward, Picton	To Attend Divine Service.
" 19, 1893.....	203	Irvine, Flora.....	" Install Officers.
" 19, 1893.....	129	Rising Sun, Aurora.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 19, 1893.....	316	Dorie, Toronto.....	" Raise Within Prescribed Time.
" 20, 1893.....	357	Waterdown, Waterdown	" Install Officers.
" 21, 1893.....	258	Guelph, Guelph	" Install Officers.
" 21, 1893.....	356	River Park, Streetsville.....	" Attend Divine Service.
" 22, 1893.....	345	Nilestown, Nilestown.....	" Install Officers.
" 22, 1893.....	271	Wellington, Prin	" Install Officers.
July 1, 1893.....	93	Northern Light, Kincardine.....	" Attend Decoration of Graves.

Fraternally submitted,

*J. J. Maxon**Grand Secretary.*

Hamilton, 15th July, 1893.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I herewith submit my Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Grand Lodge, for the year ending 31st May, 1893.

The Balance at credit of Current Account at 31st May, 1892, was..... \$7,549 15

During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary the following sums, viz :

On account of General Fund..... \$21,073 27

On account of Asylum Fund..... 449 00

21,522 27

\$29,071 42

The expenditure for general purposes during the year was..... \$9,230 78

For Benevolence, including the sum of \$570 to St. John, Newfoundland, and \$80 to San Francisco Board of Relief..... 8,251 25

For Investment, being a debenture of the Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Loan and Savings Co., for five years from 1st May, 1893, for \$5,000 at 5 per cent..... 5,000 00

\$22,482 03

Balance at credit of current account in Canadian Bank of Commerce, as per acknowledgment of bank officials attached to this statement.....

\$6,589 39

The funds of Grand Lodge amounted, at the 31st May, 1893, to the sum of \$81,589.39, as shown by attached balance sheet; \$75,000 is invested in the debentures of Loan Companies, the smallest sum invested in any one company being \$5,000, and the highest \$15,000. The debentures are in the custody of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for safe keeping.

The attached balance sheet shows the amount at the credit of the General Fund and the Asylum Fund respectively, on the 31st May, 1893, and the sums invested in the respective companies and the rates of interest.

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

*The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Canada,
in the Province of Ontario, in account with HUGH MURRAY, Grand
Treasurer.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

1892.	
June 30—Paid	Grand Treasurer's salary to date.....\$ 50 00
“ 30— “	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office..... 60 00
“ 30— “	Masonic Hall Association rent to date..... 43 75
“ 30— “	Grand Secretary's salary to date..... 400 00
“ 30— “	Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to date.. 200 00
“ 30— “	J. B. Nixon, on account investigation <i>re</i> bene- volence 75 00
July 27— “	<i>Times</i> Printing Company, sundry Printing.. 144 75
“ 27— “	Expenses, Board of General Purposes 675 45
“ 27— “	Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals.... 40 00
“ 27— “	Grand Secretary, balance of incidental ex- penses to 31st May, 1892..... 123 12
“ 27— “	General Masonic Relief Association, annual subscription..... 110 00
“ 27— “	Expenses, meeting (special) Committee on Benevolence, at Toronto, July 14th, 1892 64 50
“ 27— “	J. B. Nixon, expenses on account benevolent investigations 40 00
“ 27— “	J. B. Nixon, balance on account Benevolence investigations 110 55
“ 27— “	R. Duncan & Co., stationery 72 25
“ 27— “	Copp, Clark & Co., for Certificates..... 497 06
“ 27— “	M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Report on For- eign Correspondence 100 00
“ 27— “	Rent of Opera House and Sundry expenses, meeting of Grand Lodge in Toronto 182 50
“ 27— “	M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, postage, tele- grams, etc..... 199 10
Aug. 17— “	Grand Secretary's expenses attending meeting of Grand Secretaries' Guild, at Denver, Col. 74 00
Sept. 13— “	Hunter, Rose & Co., on account printing.... 1,000 00
“ 21— “	Guarantee Company of North America, Pre- mium on Grand Secretary's Bond 50 00
“ 30— “	Grand Treasurer's salary to date..... 50 00
“ 30— “	Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to date.. 200 00
“ 30— “	Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office to date 60 00
“ 30— “	Grand Secretary's salary to date..... 400 00
“ 30— “	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to date 43 75
“ 30— “	M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, two years' travelling expenses, to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto 1,000 00
<i>Carried forward</i>.....\$6,425 78	

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$6,425 78
Dec. 3—	Paid Hunter, Rose & Co. on account printing	1,000 00
“ 31—	“ Grand Secretary's salary to date	400 00
“ 31—	“ Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to date..	200 00
“ 31—	“ Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office to date.....	75 00
“ 31—	“ Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to date.....	43 75
“ 31—	“ Grand Treasurer's salary to date.....	50 00
“ 31—	“ Insurance on Regalia	17 50
1893.		
Mar. 31—	“ Grand Secretary's salary to date.....	400 00
“ 31—	“ Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to date..	200 00
“ 31—	“ Stenographer in Grand Secretary's Office, to date	75 00
“ 31—	“ Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to date	43 75
“ 31—	“ Grand Treasurer's salary to date.....	50 00
“ 31—	“ Trustees for Hospital for Sick Children, being amount voted to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and by his direction paid to that Institution	250 00
“ 31—	“ Benevolent orders, as per list.....	8,251 25
“ 31—	“ Balance, as per balance sheet.	68,407 14
		<hr/> \$85,889 17

RECEIPTS.

1892.		
June 1—	By Balance, as per balance sheet.....	\$64,815 90
July 14—	“ Grand Secretary.....	5,500 00
“ 14—	“ Grand Secretary.....	418 33
Nov. 30—	“ Grand Secretary, interest on bank account ..	93 34
Dec. 31—	“ Grand Secretary.....	5,000 00
1893.		
Feb. 7—	“ Grand Secretary	5,000 00
Mar. 23—	“ Grand Secretary	2,000 00
May 30—	“ Grand Secretary, interest on bank account....	77 19
“ 31—	“ Grand Secretary	2,984 41
		<hr/> \$85,889 17

STATEMENT—ASYLUM FUND.

1892.		
May 31—	By Balance, as per balance sheet	\$12,733 25
1893.		
May 31—	By Grand Secretary, income on investments.....	449 00
		<hr/> \$13,182 25
1893.		
May 31—	To Balance	\$13,182 25

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1893.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Canada, in account with HUGH MURRAY, Grand Treasurer.

DEBENTURES:

London Loan Company of Canada, at 5 per cent.	\$10,000 00
Huron & Erie Loan Company, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	15,000 00
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	10,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	10,000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	10,000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	5,000 00
Ontario Loan and Debenture Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	5,000 00
Canadian Savings and Loan Co., $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	5,000 00
Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Loan and Savings Co., 5 per cent.	5,000 00

Current Account:

Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1893	\$75,000 00
	6,589 39

\$81,589 39

General Fund	\$68,407 14
Asylum Fund	13,182 25

\$81,589 39

We hereby certify that the debentures named and set forth in the above Balance Sheet are in the custody of the Bank for safe keeping, and the above-mentioned balance of \$6,589.39, was at the credit of the current account of the Grand Lodge, at the close of business on the 31st of May, 1893.

(Signed)

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WM. ROBERTS, Manager.
S. REID, Accountant.

Canadian Bank of Commerce.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June 1892.	Aug. 1892.
30 Chatham B. of R. \$10 00	31 Mrs. John Wills \$20 00
30 Chatham B. of R. 10 00	31 Mrs. J. E. Bailey 10 00
30 Mrs. R. Vardon. 10 00	31 Mrs. S. Perry 20 00
30 Mrs. C. Bryant. 10 00	31 Mrs J. Allen. 10 00
July	31 Mrs McNeil Clarke . 10 00
31 Miss Mary Harris .. 18 75	31 Bro. Ira C. Warner.. 25 00
31 Miss Lillian Harris.. 18 75	31 Orphan of S. Smith 20 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson.. 75 00	31 Mrs. R. Marcus 10 00
Aug.	31 Mrs. P. Varney. 15 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson 75 00	31 Bro. John Scott 25 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Sharpe .. 10 00	31 Mrs. E. W. King. 20 00
31 Mrs. W. Wilkinson.. 20 00	31 Mrs. C. Noble. 20 00
31 Bro. A. Couper. 20 00	31 Mrs. Robert Smith.. 10 00
31 Bro. J. W. Crate. 25 00	31 Mrs. T. M. C. Lawrence 10 00
31 Mrs. S. Inman. 10 00	31 Bro. A. Couper. 20 00
31 Mrs. T. Armson. 10 00	31 Mrs. J. A. Blott 15 00
31 Mrs. P. Patterson.. 10 00	31 Mrs. J. C. Bogart. 10 00
31 Hamilton B. of R. 50 00	31 Mrs. Geo. H. Rowed.. 20 00
31 Guelph B. of R. 10 00	31 Orphan of S. J. Benjamin. 5 00
31 Orphan of G. S. Barber. 5 00	31 Mrs. S. M. McCulloch. 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Coulter . 10 00	31 Mrs. T. G. Staw. 10 00
31 Mrs. John Kennedy. 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Crawford.. 10 00
31 Mrs. John Brogan .. 10 00	31 Mrs. E. W. Griffiths 10 00
31 Mrs. G. Matheson .. 20 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Little. 15 00
31 Bro. E. T. McClocklin 20 00	31 Mrs. G. T. Porter.. 15 00
31 Bro. A. Bain 25 00	31 Mrs. William Jolley. 10 00
31 Mrs. J. Horstop. 10 00	31 Mrs. A. Stares. 20 00
31 Mrs. S. Witmer. 20 00	31 Mrs. G. F. Pocock. 10 00
31 Mrs. G. Godfrey. 15 00	31 Mrs. M. Cronin. 20 00
31 Mrs. C. Bennett. 20 00	31 London Board of R. 25 00
31 Mrs. E. Amsden. 10 00	31 Mrs. R. Newberry.. 10 00
31 Mrs. R. Taylor. 10 00	31 Mrs. R. J. McAuslan 15 00
31 Bro. C. Wilmot. 25 00	31 Bro. R. Davis 25 00
31 Mrs. A. Hill. 10 00	31 Mrs. R. Young 10 00
31 Mrs. J. LeClear. 10 00	31 Mrs. Isaac Nelson... 15 00
31 Mrs. S. Waltho. 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas. H. Hickson 15 00
31 Mrs. Issac L. Strowger 15 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Tennant.. 10 00
31 Mrs. R. Ratcliffe 20 00	31 Mrs. F. H. Blondheim 15 00
31 Mrs. John Evans 15 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Nash... 15 00
31 Mrs. Josiah Parker .. 15 00	31 Orphans of G. B. Fraser. 10 00
31 Mrs. A. W. Tuke. 5 00	31 Mrs. A. Goldsmith.. 15 00
31 Mrs. G. T. Porter. 15 00	31 Bro. J. C. Williams.. 25 00
31 Mrs. J. McGibbony.. 10 00	31 Mrs. A. Graham. 15 00
31 Bro. H. T. Ross. 25 00	31 Orphans of W. H. McBride. 5 00
31 Mrs. W. D. Hill. 10 00	31 Mrs. John Manning.. 15 00
31 Bro. Rob't Farquharson. 25 00	31 Bro. G. Hallock 25 00
31 Bro. John Munro. 25 00	
31 Niagara Falls B. of R. 10 00	

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

Aug. 1892.	Aug. 1892.
31 Mrs. Jas. Hagerman. \$10 00	31 Mrs. T. Fowler. . . . \$10 00
31 Mrs. Richard Phillips 15 00	31 Bro. C. R. Barker . . . 25 00
31 Mrs. W. J. Smith. . . . 10 00	31 Mrs. J. E. Deacon. . . 15 00
31 Daughter of J. R. Steele 20 00	31 Mrs. J. T. Dinsmore. 10 00
31 Bro. Z. R. Rowe. . . . 20 00	31 Orphan of W. Reynolds. 5 00
31 Mrs. Joshua G. Burns 15 00	31 Orphans of F. Coville 15 00
31 Mrs. W. A. Fowler. . . 20 00	31 Mrs. S. Caldwell. . . . 15 00
31 Bro. P. Meyers. 20 00	31 Mrs. Adam Petrie. . . 10 00
31 Mrs. James Fitton. . . . 10 00	31 Mrs. W. R. Black. . . . 15 00
31 Mrs. A. Davey. 15 00	31 Mrs. W. Ramsay. . . . 20 00
31 Mrs. Robert Gipson. . . 10 00	31 Mrs. W. Hill. 10 00
31 Ottawa B. of R. 12 50	31 Mrs. John Zimmerman. 10 00
31 Mrs. Alex. Miller. . . . 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas. McKellican 20 00
31 Mrs. Thomas Sproule. 10 00	31 Daughter of R. H. Lee 10 00
31 Bro. James Bowman. . . 25 00	31 Mrs. Robert A. Kirby 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. B. Wallace 15 00	31 Mrs. George Smith. . . 10 00
31 Orphans of M. McPhail. 10 00	31 Mrs. C. Graham. . . . 15 00
31 Mrs. John Weir. 10 00	31 Mrs. Thomas Elliott. 10 00
31 Mrs. Alex. B. Barclay 15 00	31 Mrs. W. F. Jennings. 15 00
31 Mrs. John Kesteven. . . 10 00	31 Mrs. J. Middleton. . . 10 00
31 Mrs. William Blair. . . 15 00	31 Mrs. George Christie. 10 00
31 Bro. J. C. Woods. 25 00	31 Mrs. Walter Francis. 10 00
31 Mrs. C. E. Stevens. . . . 10 00	31 Mrs. Thomas Reid. . . 10 00
31 Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe. . . 10 00	31 Mrs. Joseph Garbutt. 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. McCadden 5 00	31 Mrs. M. G. Vandervoort. 10 00
31 Mrs. Wm. S. Pickhaver. 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. A. Harvey 5 00
31 Mrs. W. Wilson. 15 00	31 Mrs. W. H. Street. . . 10 00
31 Mrs. D. Turner. 15 00	31 Mrs. 10 00
31 Mrs. John Thoburn. . . 15 00	31 Mrs. Robert Taylor. . 10 00
31 Mrs. R. C. Carter. . . . 15 00	31 Mrs. G. L. Edleston. . 10 00
31 Mrs. James L. Young 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Johnston. . 10 00
31 Mrs. A. Shillington. . . 20 00	31 Mrs. A. Goldsmith. . . 15 00
31 Mrs. Samuel Forder. . . 10 00	31 Bro. H. Griffin. 15 00
31 Mrs. E. A. Martin. . . . 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas Christison. . 10 00
31 Mrs. Stanley. 15 00	31 Mrs. T. Stafford. . . . 15 00
31 Mrs. John Jackson. . . . 10 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Tuttle. . . 10 00
31 Mrs. C. Davies. 20 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Sparman. . . 20 00
31 Mrs. James Miller. . . . 15 00	31 Mrs. Jas. Greenfield. 10 00
31 Mrs. Henry Hall. 10 00	Sept.
31 Mrs. A. McPherson. . . 10 00	30 St. John's, Newfoundland. 500 00
31 Mrs. Jas. H. Wright. 10 00	30 Mrs. Walter McKay. . 10 00
31 Mrs. D. G. Huff. 15 00	30 Mrs. Wm. Sweeny. . . 10 00
31 Mrs. Fred. Devereaux 20 00	30 Bro. John Chasely. . . 25 00
31 Mrs. Angus Kerr. 10 00	30 Mrs. J. J. Carter. . . . 10 00
31 Mrs. Alex. Thomson. . . 20 00	30 Mrs. H. Wellbanks 15 00
31 Mrs. J. G. Fields. 15 00	30 Bro. Joseph Bond. . . . 25 00
31 Mrs. M. Vonsburg. . . . 10 00	30 Mrs. Joseph Chantler 10 00
31 Orphans of L. P. Manhard. 15 00	30 Mrs. Angus A. Ross. . 15 00
31 Mrs. W. M. Hunter. . . 20 00	30 Mrs. W. C. Jewell. . . 10 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

Sept.	1892.	Oct.	1892.
30 Bro. Geo. Mansfield.	\$20 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Scott.	\$10 00
30 Mrs. Jas. R. L. Smith	15 00	31 Miss Mary Harris	18 75
30 Mrs. Geo. Gaslee	5 00	31 Miss Lilian Harris	18 75
30 Children of J. Welsh	10 00	31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson	18 75
30 Bro. S. Latimer	20 00	31 Mrs. Dan'l McLean	10 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Agnew	15 00	31 Mrs. Aaron Bowman	10 00
30 Bro. E. McNally	20 00	31 Mrs. R. Campbell	10 00
30 Mrs. W. H. Hallett	10 00	31 Bro. J. Blackburn	25 00
30 Mrs. D. G. Bridgeford	15 00	31 Bro. J. W. Ferguson	10 00
30 Kingston B. of R.	25 00	31 Bro. E. J. Halladay	10 00
30 Mrs. T. G. Hurst	10 00	31 Bro. E. J. Halladay	10 00
30 Bro. Thomas Laing	25 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Scarfliff	10 00
30 Mrs. Jos. Metherall	10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Johnston	20 00
30 Mrs. Rod'k McLeod	10 00	Nov.	
30 Mrs. Jas. Blue	15 00	30 Mrs. S. Porter	10 00
30 Mrs. John Patterson	10 00	30 Mrs. Jas. S. Laing	10 00
30 Mrs. John Munro	5 00	30 Mrs. J. A. Malcolm	10 00
30 Mrs. E. Phillips	10 00	30 Mrs. David Ross	10 00
30 Mrs. G. W. Shields	10 00	30 Mrs. T. Stafford	10 00
30 Mrs. R. Flood	20 00	30 Mrs. T. G. Furnival	10 00
30 Mrs. H'y Richardson	10 00	30 Mrs. John Bourke	10 00
30 Mrs. John McKellar	10 00	30 Mrs. F. W. Corke	15 00
30 Mrs. J. C. Smith	15 00	30 Orphans of J. Leitch	15 00
30 Mrs. R. Nancollas	10 00	30 Mrs. Peter Spence	15 00
30 Mrs. McK. Conklin	15 00	30 Mrs. Leslie Wright	20 00
30 Mrs. Rob't Carey	10 00	30 Mrs. Geo. Gray	10 00
30 Mrs. E. Murphy	20 00	30 Bro. John Dickson	25 00
30 Mrs. W. Richardson	10 00	30 Mrs. T. Courtney	20 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Richardson	10 00	30 Mrs. Geo. Middleton	10 00
30 Mrs. W. J. Bradley	10 00	30 Orphan of J. Erskine	5 00
30 Mrs. John Harvey	15 00	30 Mrs. F. Elkington	10 00
30 Mrs. D. McLellan	10 00	Dec.	
30 Mrs. W. F. Livingstone	5 00	31 Mrs. Richard Hill	10 00
30 Mrs. J. C. McEachern	10 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Reid	10 00
30 Daughter of T. Perley	10 00	31 Orphans of T. Palmer	20 00
30 Mrs. J. K. Oliver	10 00	Jan.	
30 Mrs. D. Robinson	10 00	31 Miss Mary Wilson	75 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Reid	10 00	31 Miss Mary Harris	18 75
30 Mrs. Wm. Tandy	10 00	31 Miss Lilian Harris	18 75
30 Daughter of S Wetmore	10 00	31 Mrs. W. M. Wilson	18 75
30 Mrs. E. Handy	10 00	31 Mrs. John B. Galt	10 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Leany	10 00	31 Mrs. David Robertson	10 00
30 Mrs. Wm. Coulter	10 00	31 Mrs. Samuel Waltho	15 00
30 Son of F. Vickers	5 00	31 Mrs. John Brogan	10 00
Oct.		31 Mrs. S. Perry	20 00
31 Mrs. Hamilton Howe	10 00	31 Mrs. John Wills	20 00
31 Mrs. Wm. Purney	10 00	31 Mrs. W. McKay	10 00
31 Mrs. C. Bryant	10 00	31 Mrs. W. Spearman	20 00
31 Miss Mary Wilson	75 00	31 Niagara Falls B. of R.	10 00
31 Orphans of J. R. Taylor	10 00	31 Mrs. James Allen	10 00
		31 Mrs. A. Thomson	20 00
		31 Mrs. W. Richardson	10 00
		31 Mrs. C. Noble	20 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

Jan. 1893.	Feb. 1893.
31 Mrs. R. Smith .....\$10 00	28 Mrs. John Weir ....\$10 00
Feb.	28 Mrs. G. Christie. 10 00
28 Mrs. T. Stafford 15 00	28 Mrs. Robt. Carey ... 10 00
28 Bro. George Hallock. 25 00	28 Mrs. J. McKellican.. 20 00
28 Bro. John Dixon 25 00	28 Mrs. R. C. Carter.... 15 00
28 Mrs. George Gray.... 10 00	28 Mrs. McK. Conklin.. 15 00
28 Bro. R. Davis 25 00	28 Mrs. A. McPherson. 10 00
28 Mrs. John Evans 15 00	28 Mrs. W. W. Nash.. 15 00
28 Mrs. F. Devereaux .. 20 00	28 Mrs. C. Graham 15 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Richardson 10 00	28 Bro. J. Chaseley ... 25 00
28 Mrs. Jos. Middleton. 10 00	28 Mrs. A. Baker 20 00
28 Mrs. R. Nancollas... 10 00	28 Mrs. A. Davy 15 00
28 Mrs. J. Zimmerman . 10 00	28 Mrs. G. Matheson ... 20 00
28 Mrs. R. Flood 20 00	28 Mrs. J. W. Ferguson. 10 00
28 Mrs. R. McLeod 10 00	28 Mrs. R. Ratcliffe 20 00
28 Mrs. W. W. Tuttle.. 10 00	28 Mrs. W. D. Hill 10 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Johnston. 20 00	28 Mrs. C. Bennett.... 20 00
28 Mrs. Robert Taylor.. 10 00	28 Mrs. H. Richardson.. 10 00
28 Mrs. R. J. McAuslan 15 00	28 Mrs. W. C. Jewell ... 10 00
28 Mrs. G. L. Edelston .. 10 00	28 Mrs. W. Tandy 10 00
28 Mrs. George Godfrey 15 00	28 Orphans of G. B.
28 Mrs. John Jackson .. 10 00	Fraser..... 10 00
28 Mrs. R. Marcus 10 00	28 Mrs. T. Armson 10 00
28 Mrs. W. Little 15 00	28 Mrs. A. Goldsmith .. 15 00
28 Mrs. S. Forder 10 00	28 Mrs. W. Hill..... 10 00
28 Bro. R. Farquharson. 25 00	28 Mrs. A. Shillington.. 20 00
28 Mrs. C. Bryant..... 15 00	28 Mrs. E. Phillips 10 00
28 Orphans of L. P. Man-	28 Mrs. E. Kester..... 15 00
hard 15 00	28 Mrs. G. Christie.... 10 00
28 Mrs. W. H. Hallett.. 10 00	28 Bro. J. C. Williams.. 25 00
28 Mrs. George Smith ... 10 00	28 Bro. A. Bain..... 25 00
28 Mrs. Jas. McGibbony 10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Blair 15 00
28 Bro. H. T. Ross 25 00	28 Mrs. M. Vouburg... 10 00
28 Bro. E. McNally 20 00	28 Bro. J. Blackurn 25 00
28 Mrs. Jos. Metherell.. 10 00	28 Mrs. A. W. Tuke ... 5 00
22 Orphans of J. R. Tay-	28 Bro. Z. R. Rowe.... 20 00
lor 10 00	28 Mrs. J. Fields 15 00
28 Mrs. Wm. McCadden 5 00	28 Mrs. A. A. Ross 15 00
28 Mrs. L. G. Jolliffe .. 10 00	28 Mrs. R. Young..... 10 00
28 Mrs. John Kesteven.. 10 00	28 Mrs. G. F. Pocock .. 10 00
28 Mrs. D. Robinson.... 10 00	28 Mrs. H. Wellbanks .. 15 00
28 Bro. Joseph Boust .. 25 00	28 Orphans of F. Coville. 15 00
28 Orphans of W. H. Mc-	28 Mrs. Isaac L. Strowger 15 00
Bride..... 5 00	28 Mrs. James Fitten... 10 00
28 Mrs. J. G. Burns 15 00	28 Mrs. E. Murphy.... 20 00
28 Mrs. G. Gaslee..... 5 00	28 Mrs. E. Handy..... 10 00
28 Daughter of J. R.	28 Mrs. A. Miller..... 15 00
Steele 20 00	28 Mrs. Walter Francis. 10 00
28 Mrs. W. A. Fowler.. 20 00	28 Mrs. John Manning .. 15 00
28 Mrs. Henry Hall 10 00	28 Mrs. T. M. Lawrence. 10 00
28 Mrs. A. Kerr..... 10 00	28 Mrs. J. J. Carter.... 10 00
28 Mrs. Wm. Crawford.. 10 00	28 Mrs. Wm. Reid 10 00
28 Mrs. H. Griffin..... 15 00	28 Bro. T. Laing 25 00

BENEVOLENCE—Continued.

Feb. 1893.	Feb. 1893.
28 Mrs. G. H. Rowed ..\$20 00	28 Mrs. W. J. Bradley ..\$10 00
28 Mrs. John McKellar.. 10 00	28 Mrs. A. Stares 20 00
28 Mrs. Dugald McLellan 10 00	28 Mrs. J. A. McInnis... 15 00
28 Bro. J. W. Crate.... 25 00	28 Mrs. R. Taylor..... 10 00
28 Mrs. A. Hill..... 10 00	28 Mrs. M. Cronin 20 00
28 Mrs. W. W. Hunter. 20 00	28 Orphan of S. J. Benja-
28 Mrs. A. Graham 15 00	min..... 5 00
28 Mrs. J. Le Clear 10 00	28 Bro. P. Meyers..... 20 00
28 Mrs. T. G. Shaw 10 00	28 Mrs. W. B. Wallace.. 15 00
28 Mrs. Richard Phillips 15 00	28 Mrs. J. C. Bogart 10 00
28 Mrs. W. F. Jennings. 15 00	28 Daughter of R. H. Lee 10 00
28 Mrs. R. Marcus..... 10 00	28 Mrs. R. A. Kirby..... 10 00
28 Bro. E. T. McClocklin 20 00	28 Mrs. W. Coulter 10 00
28 Mrs. J. Hortop..... 10 00	28 Guelph B. of R..... 10 00
28 Mrs. S. Witmer.... 20 00	28 Kingston B. of R..... 25 00
28 Mrs. T. Fowler..... 10 00	28 London B. of R..... 25 00
28 Orphan of W. Rey-	28 Ottawa B. of R..... 12 50
nolds..... 5 0	28 Mrs. J. K. Oliver 10 00
28 Mrs. E. Handy..... 10 00	28 Children of P. Varney 15 00
28 Mrs. John Harvey... 15 00	28 Mrs. J. A. Blott..... 15 00
28 Mrs. S. M. McCul-	28 Mrs. W. Wilkinson... 20 00
lough..... 10 00	28 Bro. A. Couper..... 20 00
28 Mrs. T. G. Hurst.... 10 00	28 Mrs. J. E. Bailey..... 10 00
28 Mrs. G. T. Porter.... 15 00	28 Mrs. James Blue 15 00
28 Mrs. J. Parker..... 15 00	28 Mrs. M. Clarke 10 00
28 Mrs. W. R. Black.... 15 00	28 Bro. John Munro..... 25 00
28 Mrs. Thomas Reid... 10 00	28 Mrs. Isaac Nelson 15 00
28 Mrs. G. W. Shields.. 10 00	28 Bro. Ira C. Warner... 25 00
28 Mrs. E. A. Martin... 15 00	28 Children of Jno. Welsh 10 00
28 Mrs. J. R. L. Smith. 15 00	Mar.
28 Mrs. E. W. Griffiths 10 00	31 Mrs. Peter Patterson. 10 00
28 Mrs. R. Newberry... 10 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Reid 10 00
28 Orphans of M. Mc-	31 Mrs. Wm. Sharpe 10 00
Phail..... 10 00	31 Mrs. Wm. Johnston .. 10 00
28 Mrs. R. Hill..... 10 00	31 Mrs. W. Sweeney 10 00
28 Mrs. W. S. Pickhaver 10 00	31 Mrs. Jas. H. Hixon ... 15 00
28 Bro. John Scott..... 25 00	31 Mrs. J. E. Deacon 15 00
28 Mrs. E. Amsden. 10 00	31 Mrs. James Greenfield 10 00
28 Mrs. James Meller... 15 00	31 Mrs. T. Courtney 20 00
28 Mrs. W. Wilson..... 15 00	31 Mrs. C. E. Stevens ... 10 00
28 Mrs. John Thoburn.. 15 00	31 Bro. S. Latimer 20 00
28 Mrs. D. Turner..... 15 00	31 Hamilton B. of R..... 50 00
28 Mrs. R. Gipson..... 10 00	31 Orphans of Jno. Leitch 15 00
28 Bro. James Bowman . 25 00	31 Mrs. John Bourke..... 10 00
28 Bro. C. R. Barker... 25 00	31 Mrs. W. Purney 10 00
28 Mrs. John Kennedy.. 10 00	31 Mrs. John Pattison... 10 00
28 Mrs. E. W. King..... 20 00	31 Mrs. W. A. Harvey ... 5 00
28 Mrs. William Jolley.. 10 00	31 Mrs. W. Ramsay..... 20 00
28 Mrs. A. H. Barclay.. 15 00	31 Mrs. J. Hagerman 10 00
28 Mrs. J. Garbutt..... 10 00	31 Mrs. J. Ketchey..... 10 00
28 Bro. C. Wilmot..... 25 00	31 Mrs. S. Caldwell 15 00
28 Mrs. C. Davies..... 20 00	31 Mrs. W. W. Scarcliffe 10 00
28 Mrs. T. Sproule..... 10 00	31 Mrs. W. H. Street ... 10 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

Mar. 1893.		Apl. 1893.	
31 Mrs. S. Porter	\$10 00	30 Mrs. Jas. S. Laing	\$10 00
31 Mrs. G. Middleton ...	10 00	30 Mrs. W. M. Wilson ..	18 75
31 Mrs. J. H. Wright ..	10 00	30 Miss Mary Harris	18 75
31 Mrs. F. Elkingston...	10 00	30 Daughter of S. Web-	
31 Mrs. W. F. Livingston.	5 00	more	10 00
31 Mrs. T. Elliott.....	10 00	30 Mrs. R. Campbell	10 00
31 Mrs. William Corner..	10 00	30 Mrs. F. W. Corke....	15 00
31 Mrs. William Corner..	10 00	30 Mrs. J. L. Young	10 00
31 Mrs. W. Agnew.....	15 00	30 Mrs. J. C. McEachern.	10 00
31 Bro. G. Mansfield....	20 00	30 Mrs. J. Chantler	10 00
31 Mrs. J. Vaux	10 00	30 Miss Lilian Harris....	18 75
31 Mrs. D. McLean.....	10 00	30 Son of F. Vickers.....	5 00
31 Mrs. J. C. Smith.....	15 00	30 Mrs. D. G. Huff.....	15 00
31 Mrs. J. Christison....	10 00	30 Mrs. J. T. Dinsmore..	10 00
31 Orphan of S. Smith...	20 00	30 Mrs. A. Petrie.....	10 00
31 Mrs. Jno. McKeller ..	10 00	30 Mrs. A. Bowman	10 00
31 Mrs. W. Scott	10 00	30 Mrs. C. Bryant	10 00
Apl.		30 Miss Mary Wilson....	75 00
30 Mrs. Leslie Wright...	20 00	30 Mrs. Stanley	15 00
30 Mrs. T. G. Furnival ..	10 00	May.	
30 Mrs. David Ross	10 00	31 Mrs. J. Munro.....	5 00
30 Mrs. T. Stafford.....	10 00	31 Orphan of G. S. Barber	5 00
30 Mrs. J. A. Malcolm ..	10 00		
30 Mrs. Peter Spence....	15 00		
		Total.....	\$8,101 25

A which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

RETURNS BY LOCAL BOARDS OF RELIEF AS AT 31st MAY, 1893.

NAME OF BOARD.	RECEIPTS.						EXPENDITURES.										Balance on Hand.																									
	%	¢	¢	¢	¢	¢	Balance due Treasurers.	%	¢	¢	%	Special Grants to Applicants.	%	¢	¢	Transient Relief.		%	¢	¢	Funeral Expenses.	%	¢	¢	Orders Returned.	%	¢	¢	Other Payments.	%	¢	¢	Incidentals.	%	¢	¢	Total Expenditures.	%	¢	¢		
Toronto.....	1,129	15	.....	630	00	296	40	.....	2,179	50	.....	685	00	72	95	26	00	.....	5	00	130	25	8	55	927	75	.....	1,254	75	.....	8	55	927	75	.....	1,254	75			
Hamilton.....	22	43	100	00	360	00	351	76	.....	937	91	.....	360	00	135	49	385	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	850	49	.....	57	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	850	49	.....	57	42	
London.....	110	31	50	00	440	00	129	20	.....	974	53	.....	440	00	53	74	388	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	831	99	.....	142	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	831	99	.....	142	54	
Ottawa.....	24	51	25	00	240	00	347	10	636	61	240	00	47	00	263	00	21	10	3	00	574	10	62	51	3	00	574	10	62	51		
Kingston.....	50	00	370	00	267	70	772	70	370	00	82	00	180	00	78	70	1	00	771	08	1	62	1	00	771	08	1	62		
Peterboro.....	7	63	.....	.....	100	00	.....	.....	107	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	18	.....	2	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	18	.....	2	51	
Clutham.....	51	00	20	00	35	00	106	00	20	00	4	50	35	00	59	50	46	50	59	50	46	50		
Guelph.....	3	11	20	00	110	00	62	50	210	11	110	00	42	00	37	75	14	50	23	205	48	4	63	23	205	48	4	63		
Stratford.....	68	71	20	00	43	20	131	91	100	00	3	00	10	00	10	00	25	33	25	93	66	25	33	25	93	66		
Galt.....	2	81	80	00	48	00	130	81	80	00	8	00	38	00	126	00	4	81	126	00	4	81		
Windsor.....	34	72	60	00	94	72	60	00	5	75	1	02	66	77	27	95	1	02	66	77	27	95
Barrie.....	102	50	62	50	10	00	9	00	35	00	8	50	8	50	
Brockville.....	32	44	130	00	125	00	336	69	130	00	15	00	143	00	27	00	Child-rens	1	25	316	25	20	44	1	25	316	25	20	44
Oshawa.....	3	55	70	00	75	00	148	55	70	00	25	00	65	00	Hosp.	10	00	41	145	66	2	89	41	145	66	2	89	
Belleville.....	4	96	110	00	57	80	223	51	110	00	5	75	75	30	36	221	86	1	65	36	221	86	1	65	
Woodstock.....	63	00	68	01	128	00	60	90	63	00	138	00	138	00	

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

Having been elected by the brethren of Erie District, No. 1, to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. in said District, at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held in London, on July 20th and 21st, 1892, I immediately proceeded to discharge the numerous and important duties of that office. Hereunder I submit a report of my proceedings as such D. D. G. M. and of the condition of Masonry in the said District, as concise as circumstances will allow.

VISITS TO LODGES.

As was my duty, I have, during the year, visited all the lodges in the said district—twenty-two in number—the following details of these visits are submitted :

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne : My first official visit in the district was paid to this lodge in the month of October, 1892. Owing to heavy rains during the afternoon and evening the attendance of the brethren was not as large as I would have wished, and as I am satisfied it otherwise would have been. A large number of the members of this lodge reside in the country, some miles from the place of meeting, and the heavy roads and rain rendered their attendance almost an impossibility. Notwithstanding these unfavorable circumstances, twenty of the brethren were in attendance, including V. W. Bro. J. J. Walker, who is a member of this lodge. This lodge has been twice the victim of fire, losing heavily on each occasion, but I am happy to be able to say that owing to the courage and energy of the brethren the lodge is rapidly recovering from the effects of these reverses, and is making satisfactory progress both numerically and in the proficiency of its work. The lodge was creditably opened and closed in the 1st, 2nd and 3d Degrees by the officers, but I had not the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of any of the degrees. Insurance, \$500.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: I visited this lodge on the 14th day of October, 1892. Although one of the youngest lodges in the district, Windsor Lodge boasts of an active membership of sixty-six. On the occasion of my visit forty-two of the brethren were present. I was privileged to witness the conferring of the 3rd Degree by the W. M., W. Bro. E. S. Wigle, who, by the way, is an energetic and enthusiastic Mason. I cannot speak in too high terms of commendation of the manner in which the work was done by W. Bro. Wigle, his Wardens, and other subordinate officers. Regularity and good order are certainly characteristic of this lodge. R. W. Bro. Dr. Allworth, of St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, and R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, P. D. D. G. Ms., were present at this meeting. The prospects of this lodge are very bright with W. Bro. Wigle in the chair and an efficient force of P. Masters always ready and willing to aid him. Insurance \$800.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: I visited this lodge on the 1st day of November, 1892. There was a continuous downpour of rain from the time I arrived in Leamington until I left the next morning. As a consequence, the attendance at the meeting—twenty-two—was not as large as I anticipated. The 1st Degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. W. A. Piper and his subordinate officers, in an excellent manner. This lodge has a membership of forty-eight, is well officered and in a prosperous condition. Insurance, \$400.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre: I visited this lodge on the evening of the 27th December, 1892, and installed the newly-elected officers. I had not the pleasure of witnessing the officers do any of the work except opening and closing, which was done in a creditable manner. Unfortunately the W. M. elect, W. Bro. J. F. Grimes, was compelled by business exigencies to remove from Tilbury Centre to Brigden and the lodge was deprived of one who, I am satisfied, would have made a very efficient Master. The doing of the work, however, was left in excellent hands, those of W. Bro. J. W. Richardson, the I. P. M. This lodge is composed of splendid material, and I am safe in predicting for it a prosperous future. Insurance \$200. Eleven new members have been initiated during the year.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: I paid this lodge an official visit on the 9th day of January, 1893, and was gratified to find an attendance of 50 of the brethren. The W. M., W. Bro. A. H. Von Everton, presided, and assisted by his War-

dens, and other subordinate officers, conferred the 1st degree upon a candidate, in a manner almost beyond criticism. Rev. Bros. T. C. MacNab and James Birch, P. D. D. G. M's, graced the meeting with their presence. This and Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, meet in the same lodge room and are the most comfortably "housed" of all the lodges in the district. As was the case, on the occasion of several of my official visits, the night was a particularly cold and stormy one, and the large attendance was to me "proof positive" of the Masonic zeal of the Chatham brethren. This lodge has a handsome surplus to its credit, and is in every respect a substantial institution. Insurance, \$1,000.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex: My official visit to this lodge was paid on the 25th day of January, 1893. Sixteen of the brethren were in attendance. There was no candidate for the reception of a degree, but the lodge was opened and closed generally in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees in an efficient manner. Seven brethren have been added to the membership roll of this lodge during the past year. The business interests of the lodge are well looked after, and the brethren meet in very neat and comfortable quarters. Under the guiding hand of W. Bro. Cunningham and his efficient staff of subordinate officers, the prospects of Central Lodge are very bright. Insurance, \$500.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: I visited this lodge officially on the 26th day of January, 1893, and was received by twenty-one of the brethren, including seven from Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre, headed by their W. M., W. Bro. J. F. Grimes. There were no degrees to confer, but the work of opening and closing in the three degrees was ably performed by the officers of the lodge, led by W. Bro. C. W. Scherer, the W.M. The brethren of this lodge are thoroughly imbued with the Masonic spirit, and guard carefully the best interests of the Craft. Two brethren have been initiated in this lodge during the year. Insurance, \$200.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: In company with W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Dorland, of Rodney Lodge, No. 411, I visited this lodge on the 27th day of January, 1893,—driving ten miles for the purpose—the W. M., W. Bro. Dr. D. P. McPhail, assisted by his wardens, Bros. Crosby and Gillies, and his other subordinate officers, conferred the 1st degree on a candidate in a faultless manner. Twenty of the brethren were present, a very creditable proportion out of a total number of thirty-seven (37). This lodge shows marked progress,

and may justly lay claim to be one of the best working lodges in the district. It is fortunate in the possession of two Deacons, whose work it is hard to excel—Bros. Bailey and T. H. Ridley. Seven new members have been initiated during the year. Results show that special efforts are being made by the brethren in authority in this lodge to approach as near perfection as possible, and they are making rapid strides in that direction. It is to be regretted that this lodge has no insurance on their excellent lodge furniture, but the W. M. assures me this will be procured at once. The brethren are occupying a commodious new lodge room.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburgh: This lodge is the Patriarch of the district, and I had the pleasure of paying it my official visit on the 28th day of February, 1893. Fifteen of the brethren were present out of a membership of forty-three. A number of the brethren are mariners, and absent from home attending to their duties, hence the comparatively small attendance. There was no degree work to be done, but the W. M., W. Bro. John Patten, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a highly creditable manner. Two new members have been added to this lodge during the year. I very much enjoyed my visit to the brethren in the historic old town of Amherstburgh, and the evening spent with W. Bro. Auld, of the Amherstburgh *Echo*, and other members of the lodge. Insurance, \$600.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: I found myself within the precincts of this lodge on the 1st day of March, 1893. Forty-two of the brethren had assembled to receive me, a highly creditable attendance out of a total membership of sixty. This lodge meets in the same room as Wellington Lodge, No. 46. I was pleased to again meet P. D. D. G. M's., R. W. Bros. T. C. MacNab and James Birch. The W. M., W. Bro. Charles R. Cape, and his subordinate officers, conferred the 1st degree in a masterly manner, and showed themselves in every way well skilled in the work, as on the occasion of my visit to Parthenon's sister lodge, Wellington. A very pleasant evening was spent with the brethren. Four members have been taken into this lodge by invitation during the year. Insurance, \$1,000.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: This is the next to the oldest lodge in the district, and I paid it my official visit on the 2nd day of March, 1893. I am much pleased to have it to state that R. W. Bro. Dr. Allworth, P. D. D. G. M., who, for many years, has proved himself a true and

faithful craftsman, and devoted a great deal of time and attention to the welfare of Masonry, has again entered the harness, and for the current year is officiating as W. M. of this lodge. On this occasion I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. T. C. MacNab, P. D. D. G. M., of Chatham, who assisted me in installing the officers. The W. M. and his officers conferred the 1st degree on a candidate (who had come over from Pelee Island in an ice boat), in a very creditable manner. Twenty-eight of the brethren were in attendance. This lodge has a membership of seventy-eight, having taken in by invitation six new members during the past year. This lodge has erected and are the owners of a brick block (in which is their lodge room), valued at about \$3,600. There is an existing indebtedness of \$1,500 on this building, but, in view of the activity and enterprise of the brethren, this obstacle is by no means insurmountable, and will, in the near future, be pushed aside. It is worthy of mention that the Tyler of this lodge is the oldest in the district, if not in the Province, having occupied the position continuously for thirty-eight years. The property of this lodge is insured for \$1,800.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: I paid my official visit to this lodge on the 28th day of March, 1893. The W. M., W. Bro. J. Cruikshank, met me at the railway station, and I was pleasantly entertained by him and Bro. J. K. Morris during my stay in Blenheim. Twenty-three of the brethren were present at our meeting. The 2nd degree was conferred on two candidates by W. Bro. Cruikshank and his assistant officers in a very efficient manner. This lodge has a membership of fifty, having added seven new members during the year, and is in a prosperous condition. A severe loss was sustained by the brethren of this lodge during the year, by the removal by death of W. Bro. Dr. Shaver, one of the most popular, active and enthusiastic of its Past Masters. This lodge has its effects insured for \$400.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: In company with V. W. Bro. J. J. Stalker, I visited this lodge on the 26th day of April, 1893. We drove from Rodney, a distance of twelve miles, through a pelting rain, which lasted until after we arrived home. Eleven of the brethren were in attendance, a fair proportion out of a total membership of twenty-four. The W. M. of this lodge is absent from the town, but the work of the lodge is in good hands, those of W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, one of its Past Masters. The W. Bro. mentioned conferred the 2nd degree on a candidate to my satisfaction.

Two have been added to the membership roll during the year, and this, the youngest lodge in the district, is in a fairly prosperous condition. Insurance, \$160.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: I visited this lodge officially on the evening of the 27th day of April, 1893, fifteen of the brethren being in attendance, out of a membership of thirty. The 2nd degree was ably conferred on Bro. J. C. Whitney by W. Bro. T. W. Kirkpatrick, who was one of the fathers and the first W. M. of this lodge. As this is my mother lodge, and, as a natural consequence, held in high esteem by me, I will, to avoid being carried away by prejudice (which, however, might be pardonable), content myself with referring you to the excellent report given by several of my official predecessors, and simply add that this lodge is, at present, in no way less worthy of the same favorable comments. The brethren sustained a severe loss during the year in the death of Bro. Robert McCorkell, who, for several years, had been Chaplain of the lodge. Three new members have been added during the year. Insurance, \$150.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: In company with Bro. J. C. Whitney, of Rodney Lodge, No. 411, I visited this lodge on the 2nd day of May, 1893, driving eight miles, from Ridgetown, in order to do so. This lodge has a membership of fifty-five, having added four new members during the year, and is in a highly prosperous condition. The lodge-room is very tastefully and comfortably furnished, and reflects great credit on the zeal and energy of the officers and brethren. Twenty-two of the brethren were present on the occasion of my visit, and the 3rd degree was conferred on a candidate by the W. M., W. Bro. R. N. Fraser. The Dr. is an able officer, and his assistants, in every way, capable officials, and I have seldom, if ever, seen the work better done. W. Bro. Dr. J. W. Stewart, of Pnyx Lodge, Wallaceburgh, was present at this meeting. The property of the lodge is insured for \$400.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: In company with W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Dorland, of Rodney Lodge, No. 411, I visited this lodge officially on the 25th day of May, 1893. Nineteen of the brethren being present out of a membership of forty-one. Owing to the fact that this lodge was electing its officers for the then ensuing year, I had not the pleasure of witnessing any work, other than the opening and closing of the lodge in the three degrees. W. Bro. French presided. Unfortunately for this lodge, the W. M. for the year then ending, W. Bro. Alex. McIntyre, a young but efficient

and energetic worker, required for business reasons to take up his residence in Brandon, Manitoba. The I. P. M., W. Bro. French, assisted by R. W. Bro. Dr. W. G. Lumley, P.D D.G. M., have ably looked after the affairs of the lodge, and the prospects are it will have a very prosperous year. V. W. Bro. J. J. Stalker was present at this meeting. My visit to this lodge necessitated a drive of eighteen miles and return. Insurance, \$600.

Pyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburgh: I visited this lodge on the 29th day of May, 1893, driving eighteen miles, from Chatham, to do so. W. Bro. Harvey Morris is Worshipful Master of this lodge, and is doing good work. Twelve new members have been added during the year, and a number of others have been balloted for and are awaiting initiation. The total membership is now 77. I had not the opportunity of witnessing any work, other than opening and closing in the three degrees. The brethren have a very pleasant and comfortable room, and the lodge has, apparently, a bright future before it. The lodge is financially sound and carries an insurance of \$400.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: My official visit was paid to this lodge on the 30th day of May, 1893. I arrived in the town at noon, and was very cordially welcomed and received by the brethren, W. Bro. French devoting the greater part of the afternoon to showing me the "lions" of their very pretty and prosperous town. The W. M. of this lodge, W. Bro. McVean, was unavoidably absent in Chicago, and in his absence W. Bro. J. B. Carscallen was in charge of the lodge, fifteen of the brethren attending the meeting. There was no work done, other than opening and closing in the three degrees. This lodge is substantial in every way, and carries an insurance of \$400.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: In company with W. Bros. J. W. Kirkpatrick, N. S. Lusty and Dr. S. M. Darland, and Bros. William Morris and William Wilson, of Rodney Lodge, No. 411, I visited this lodge officially on the 6th day of June, 1893, driving eight miles in order to do so. Ten of the brethren of this lodge were in attendance out of a total membership of seventeen. At my request, the W.M., W. Bro. Arch. Purcell, exemplified the 1st degree, and all the officers performed their respective duties in a highly satisfactory manner, a special feature of the work being the excellent rendering of the J. W.'s lecture by Bro. A. A. Munroe. Although few in numbers, this lodge is doing good work, and is in a fairly prosperous condition. Insurance, \$400.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: I visited this lodge on the evening of the 26th day of June, 1893. Twenty of the brethren, out of a total membership of sixty-one, were present to receive me, including the W. M., R. W. Bro. B. Paine, P. D. D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, P. D. D. G. M. The 1st degree was conferred on two candidates respectively by R. W. Bro. Paine in his well-known efficient manner. The brethren of this lodge have an exceptionally pleasant, comfortable and well-ventilated room. Appropriate and instructive addresses were given by R. W. Bro. Anderson and W. Bro. John Duck before the close of the meeting. This lodge comprises a number of well-skilled and faithful Masons, and has every reason to expect a successful future. The business affairs of the lodge are well attended to. Insurance, \$200.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: Accompanied by Bro. J. C. Whitney, of Rodney Lodge, No. 411, I visited this lodge officially on the 27th day of June, 1893. A drive of twenty-two miles was necessary to reach the locality. This lodge has a membership of twenty-one, most of whom have, unfortunately, left the vicinity, although still retaining their membership. Ten of the brethren were present at the meeting to receive me. There were no degrees to be given, but the W. M., W. Bro. Walter Drew, at my request, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and proved himself quite capable of doing the work. Insurance, \$125.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: My last official visit to lodges in the district was made to this lodge on the 29th day of June, 1893. This is one of the oldest lodges in the district, and has the largest membership roll, namely, 105. Forty of the brethren were present on the occasion of my visit, including W. Bro. E. S. Wile, W. M. of Windsor Lodge, No. 403. I was much pleased to again meet R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, P. D. D. G. M., at this meeting. The W. M., W. Bro. Walter Holdstock, opened and closed in the three degrees in an efficient manner, but I had not the pleasure of witnessing any other work. This lodge is also the wealthiest in the district, having a surplus of about \$1,800 cash, and its business interests are exceptionally well attended to. Insurance, \$275.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

I held two Lodges of Instruction during my term of office, one in the rooms of Howard Lodge, Ridgetown, on the 16th day of June, 1893, and the other in the rooms of Great Western and Windsor Lodges in Windsor, on the 6th day of July,

1893. At Ridgetown, the three degrees were exemplified by the officers of Highgate Lodge, No. 336, of Highgate; Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, of Thamesville, and Rodney Lodge, No. 411, of Rodney, respectively, and in all three instances the work was done in a highly commendable manner. The degrees were exemplified at 2, 4, and 8 o'clock p.m., respectively. The chairs for Highgate Lodge were filled by W. Bro. Dr. D. P. McPhail, W.M.; Bro. Crosley, S.W., and W. Bro. John Murray, J.W. For Tecumseh Lodge, by W. Bro. Dr. J. N. Fraser, W.M.; Bro. J. B. Stewart, S.W., and W. Bro. E. H. Moran, J.W., and for Rodney Lodge, by W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Dorland, W.M., W. Bro. E. A. Hugill, S.W., and Bro. J. S. Robertson, J.W. Bro. A. A. Munroe, by request of the Highgate brethren, gave the J.W.'s lecture in his usual impressive manner. Fifty of the brethren of the district attended the afternoon meeting, and seventy-five in the evening. P.D.D. G.M.'s J. A. C. Anderson and B. Paine were present.

At Windsor the three degrees were exemplified by the officers of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington, St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville, and Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor, respectively. The degrees were exemplified at 2, 4 and 8 o'clock p.m., respectively. The lodges were officered on the occasion, as follows: Leamington Lodge, W. Bro. Dr. W. A. Piper, W.M.; Bro. W. C. Coulson, S.W., and Bro. J. E. Johnson, J.W.; St. George's, W. Bro. Dr. Allworth, W.M.; Bro. J. H. Cady, S.W., and Bro. Charles J. Ballard, J.W. The work was in each instance exceptionally well done. The giving of the J.W.'s lecture by Bro. J. E. Johnson, and the conferring of the third degree by the officers of Windsor Lodge who. (I forgot to date, were W. Bro. E. S. Wible, W.M.; Bro. Edgar, S.W., and Bro. Golden, J.W.,) are worthy of special mention, and called forth many well-merited encomiums from the brethren present. The afternoon gathering was attended by seventy of the brethren of the district, and the goodly number of 110 thronged the room at the evening meeting. R. W. Bro. J. D'Avignon, P.G.S.W., and a member of the Board of General Purposes: P.D.D.G.M.'s R.W. Bros. T. C. MacNab and Milner of Chatham, Dr. Allworth of Kingsville, J. A. C. Anderson of Ridgetown, and Kenning of the Manitoba jurisdiction, were present on the occasion. The criticisms of the work done, and the discussion of the several points raised, were lively and instructive, and, on the whole, I feel highly pleased with the marked success of these Lodges of Instruction, and feel satisfied that gatherings of this kind aid materially in advancing the interests of the Craft in any district.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I was pleased to grant dispensations to the following lodges for the purposes mentioned :

In August, 1892, to Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber, to attend Divine service.

In June, 1893, to Highgate Lodge No. 336, Highgate, and to Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber, to attend Divine worship.

In December, 1892—to Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham, to Leamington Lodge No. 290, Leamington, and to Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden, to attend Divine service.

In June, 1893—to Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham, to attend Divine service, and in July, 1893, to Naphtali Lodge, for the same purpose.

I refused to grant a Dispensation to the brethren of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburgh, to attend in a public procession clothed as Masons to decorate the graves of deceased brethren. The object of the request was certainly a laudable one, but I considered the accomplishing of it without ostentation or display was more in accordance with the spirit of Masonry.

On the 10th day of April, 1893, at the request of W. Bro. C. W. Scherer, W. M. of Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber, I officiated at the funeral of W. Bro. Wm. Mann, a Past Master of that lodge, and a worthy, energetic, and enthusiastic Mason. About seventy of the brethren of Parvaim Lodge and Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre, were in attendance and accompanied the remains of our deceased brother to their last resting-place, about three and a half miles from the village of Comber.

On the 31st day of May, 1893, in company with R. W. Bro. T. C. MacNab, and W. Bro. Alex. H. Von Gunten, W. M. of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, of Chatham, I had the pleasure of visiting Chatham General Hospital, and was shown the beautiful room therein furnished at the joint expense of Wellington and Parthenon Lodges, Chatham. This struck me as being positive evidence and tangible proof of the spirit of practical charity that exists among the Chatham brethren, and as an example that might well be followed by the brethren throughout the jurisdiction when the opportunity offers.

Now, most worshipful Sir and brethren, in conclusion I am pleased to have it to state that, generally speaking, I am well satisfied with the condition of Masonry in Erie District, No. 1.

The utmost harmony and good feeling seems to prevail amongst the brethren—the work is being done throughout the district with such a degree of correctness and uniformity as it will be difficult to excel, and the routine business of the different lodges is apparently in competent hands, and is promptly and correctly transacted. Brotherly love and charity are by no means mere words amongst the brethren, and both as individuals and as members of lodges, they at all times seem ready and willing to aid in the accomplishment of any laudable Masonic object. In two particulars, however, I consider it my duty to find fault with the brethren in the district. I do this in a general way, as what I have to say, applies to nearly every lodge in the district, and with the view of calling the attention of the lodges to what I consider obstacles in the way of their advancement. The average attendance of the brethren at the regular meetings of their respective lodges is not nearly as high as it should be. It is altogether out of proportion to the total membership. I have directed the attention of most of the lodges to this matter when making my official visits, and I hope my successor in office will be able to report favorably as to this particular. The other matter I think it well to report is the fact that the books of the different lodges show considerable sums in arrear for dues, indicating that the brethren are not as prompt as they should be in making their payments, or that the officers of the lodges are not as careful as they should be in seeing that these dues are collected.

Thanking the brethren of the district for the uniform courtesy and consideration shewn me by them, their kindly receptions and greetings on the occasions of my official visits to them, and for the encouragement and able assistance they ever afforded and rendered me in discharging the important duties of my office, and wishing them, one and all, every success and prosperity.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. F. JELL, D. D. G. M.,
Erie District, No. 1.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Erie District, No. 1, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of mem'rs.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.						M. M.	Regular.	Emergency.										Total.
34	Thistle,	Amherstburg . . .	39	2	4	5	1	1	1	1	4	3	12	1	13	9	32	June 24, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	\$ 600 00
41	St. George's . . .	Kingsville . . .	78	6	4	2	1	0	2	1	3	15	5	20	17	.....	\$85 00	19	Jan. 15, '92	Good	Fair	Yes	1,800 00
46	Wellington. . . .	Chatham	98	12	3	9	7	5	2	1	3	13	10	23	30	.....	.....	93	Dec. 31, '92..	Good	Good	Yes	1,000 00
47	Gt. Western . . .	Windsor	105	15	3	12	11	10	3	3	.....	13	31	44	30	.....	45 00	33	June 24, '93	Excellent	Good	Yes	275 00
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville . . .	55	4	4	4	3	.....	1	2	.....	12	3	15	40	.....	13 00	1	Dec. 27, '92..	Good	Excellent	Yes	400 00
255	Sydenham	Dresden	44	2	2	2	1	.....	.....	2	.....	13	3	16	15	.....	90 00	.....	.....	.....	Good	Yes	400 00
267	Parthenon	Chatham	60	4	4	4	3	3	.....	4	.....	2	13	114	20	.....	40 00	18	Dec. 27, '92..	Fair	Good	Yes	1,000 00
274	Kent	Blenheim	50	7	6	5	5	1	1	4	2	13	8	21	15	40 00	June 24, '92.	Good	Excellent	Yes	400 00
282	Lorne	Glencoe	41	3	8	5	1	3	11	3	14	15	10 00	June 24, '92.	Good	Fair	Yes	1,000 00
290	Leamington . . .	Leamington . . .	48	2	5	1	1	2	.....	2	.....	13	2	15	15	.....	.....	14	Mar. 18, '93.	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
312	Prnx	Wallaceburg . . .	77	12	12	10	7	4	6	1	2	9	12	21	15	25 00	7	Dec. 27, '92	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
327	Hammond	Wardsville . . .	23	1	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	9	4	13	9	.....	6 00	10	June 24, '91	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
336	Hughate	Hughate	37	6	7	6	4	1	1	1	11	1	12	16	15	50 00	10	Dec. 27, '92	Good	Excellent	No	None
386	McCall	West Lorne . . .	39	1	3	4	4	.....	2	.....	.....	5	2	7	9	.....	16 00	10	July, '92..	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00
390	Florence	Florence	21	1	2	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	10	2	7	9	.....	16 00	10	Jan. 7, '93..	Fair	Fair	Yes	125 00
391	Howard	Ridgetown . . .	61	1	6	2	2	1	1	7	1	10	2	12	20	285 00	3	Dec. 16, '91	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
395	Parvair	Comber	35	2	1	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	2	14	9	.....	5 00	9	June 27, '92	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
402	Central	Essex	55	7	7	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	1	15	15	.....	20 00	6	July 1, '93..	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
403	Windsor	Windsor	68	16	10	9	7	6	0	3	0	1	13	24	37	9	20 00	7	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
411	Rodney	Rodney	30	3	4	3	3	4	0	1	11	22	13	10 00	11	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	No	150 00
413	Naphtal	Tilbury Centre. .	42	11	9	7	7	2	1	11	11	22	13	10 00	6	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
422	Star of East . . .	Bothwell	24	2	4	4	4	.....	1	.....	.....	1	9	1	10	.....	.....	1	June 30, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	100 00

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

The annual report of St. Clair District, No. 2, for the year 1893, is hereby respectfully submitted, giving in as few words as possible an account of my stewardship for the past year, and an approximation of the condition of Masonry at the present time in this district.

After having appointed Bro. Robert Cocklin, V.S., District Secretary, who, though a member of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, of Strathroy, is a resident of our village, and, I may say with sincere thanks to him, has made a very efficient secretary, and has always shown a disposition to lighten my labors as far as lay in his power, I next appointed Worshipful Bro. R. M. Gunn, District Chaplain, whose election to W.M., in his mother Lodge, Burns, No. 163, increased his willingness to assist in any public ceremonies I have called upon him to perform. Both of the above district officers I now thank for their past services.

During my term of office I had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in my district. And some of them which I thought required more attention, I have taken occasion to give a second visit. Here let me thank the brethren (both officers and members) for the universal courtesy, assistance and kindness extended to me throughout my official visits and year among them. And I must say that although I really thought myself I might have done as much good to have said less by way of instructing officers, yet all has been taken as if with appreciation, and in every instance they, instead of showing the slightest resentment, appeared and were thankful for corrections and suggestions for their welfare; and let me say here, that if I have ever appeared harsh, and said more than was necessary, it was for their good and the welfare of the Craft in general. We must all admit that it requires an unlimited amount of enthusiasm to keep up the interest in ritualistic work when no work is coming in. But I have always made it a particular point in all cases to point out the fact that work on the floor of the lodge and the manufacture of degrees constitutes but a very limited part of free masonry, that being compulsory on the officers, while the great work which may and must be participated in by all, even the most modest

and unofficial member is maintaining the principles inculcated in our ceremonies. And until every member feels the responsibility of his obligations, the reputation, advancement and welfare of the Craft at large, and that he individually constitutes a factor in that power which is calculated to bring the Fraternity to perfection, until then the Craft will not have attained the object of its originators, the elevation of it as a body, socially, morally and Fraternally, till the world will be compelled to admit that there is more in Freemasonry than a mere name.

DEATHS.

During the past year we have been called to lament the death of several of our members.

1st. Wor. Bro. French, of Oil City. Member of Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs.

2nd. Likewise Bro. George Robertson, of Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs.

3rd. Bro. Wilkinson, of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia.

4th. Bro. Samuel Scott, of Burns Lodge, No. 153.

There are one or two more who have died during the year but were not reported to me.

REMUNERATION.

I have the honor to report, too, that every lodge throughout the district has contributed liberally towards paying my expenses ; not one delinquent, which, coupled with the history of the past in some districts, speaks well for St. Clair, No. 2.

I have issued the following dispensations :

To appear clothed as Masons to attend divine service.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, in July of last year, 1892, and likewise in July of this present year 1893. To Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie. To Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. To Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, Petrolea, and to Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden.

I likewise issued a dispensation to Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden, to install officers other than on regular night of installation.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO LODGES.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs, P.O., W. Miller, Secretary : I made my first official visit to Alexandra Lodge on November 10th. W. Bro. Dr. Hanks, W.M., in the chair. On examination of the books I found them well kept, plainly showing W. Bro. Millar, Sec'y, to be an efficient accountant. The work of the evening was conferring the second degree,

which was done by the W.M. in a very correct and impressive manner, and (considering the small amount of work they have had in the recent past,) was well supported by his officers. On the whole the work was better than I expected to find. They hold their meetings in a beautiful, spacious, well-ventilated room of their own, and although their numbers are small, they contain many very enthusiastic members. I anticipated at that time that they were on the eve of an era of better days, which has since been verified. Number present, about twenty.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea, P.O., Thomas McDonald, Jr., Secretary: I visited this lodge December 6th, W. Bro. McHattie in the East. All the officers were in their proper places except the J. W., who had moved from the town. As no candidate was present (after the election of officers) the W.M. opened the lodge in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, which were done by them in a very creditable manner, and from what I saw I feel convinced that Washington, though not ahead of its old record, is capable of doing some very good work. I had the pleasure of the presence that evening of R. W. Bro. Sinclair and a number of Past Masters, among whom I may mention W. Bro. Mott, M.D., W. Bros. Jackson, Trotter, Peat and others, who presence accounts for the enviable position Washington Lodge hold in the district. I have very frequently visited this lodge in an unofficial capacity, hence I know them well. Their books are well kept, few in arrears, and on the whole it is in a very prosperous condition.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest P.O., P.W. Cambell, Secretary: I visited this lodge on November 20th, 1892, holding a lodge of instruction, at which over 200 members from various parts of the district were present. The 1st degree was conferred in the afternoon by W. Bro. Marshal, W.M. of Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolea, which, for his having been a newly installed Master, was most certainly done in workmanlike manner. After the various critics had had their say, I pointed out any and all discrepancies, of which I had taken note, and exemplified them myself. In the evening the first work taken up was the exemplification of the 2nd degree by the Rev. and W. Bro. G. M. Gunn, W.M. of Burns Lodge, No. 153, which, I must say, was done absolutely perfect, after which the 3rd degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Goodyer (I. P. M. of Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford) in a very correct and impressive manner. When the criticisms ended, W. Bro. Hooper, W.M. of Arkona Lodge, No. 307, exemplified what he considered a

correct manner of examining an applicant at the door of the lodge, which was most satisfactory and edifying, doing his part, I must say, in a manner better than I could have performed it myself. The meeting was a complete success. An enjoyable part of the evening's ceremony was the presentation of a P. D. D. G. M's regalia to R. W. Bro. William D. Gregg, P. D. D. G. M., which presentation was made by V. W. Bro. Charles Mole, who had been principally instrumental in getting the same to completion. Bro. Gregg answered the presentation in a very well appointed speech. Thanking the district for their kindness, I visited this lodge again on the evening of May 24th, 1893, in company with V. W. Bro. James M. Wilson, of Burns Lodge, No. 153. This evening W. Bro. Ports, W.M., was in the chair, and all his officers in their proper places. The books are well kept, and Bro. Ports keeps the fees and dues well collected. The 1st and 3rd degrees were conferred by the W.M., which, I may say, I was highly pleased to see that they were conferred in a most correct and impressive manner; I must say that no lodge in the district has made more advancement in the near past than Forest Lodge, which, doubtless, is in part due to my predecessors and the enthusiasm of its Past Masters; at present it ranks among the best in the district. Number present, 32; visitors, 7.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, at Alvinston, P.O., R. Warner, jr., Secretary: Visited this lodge June 21st, 1893. W. Bro. Code, W.M., in the East. Owing to it being an excessively hot night, only a few of the brethren were out. They have not had a great deal of work in the past six months, and consequently were a little rusty at work, though I have received their notices regularly, and by their books I see the meetings have been regularly kept up. They have a fair number of very enthusiastic members, whose perseverance and energy will no doubt keep the interest of the Craft to the front. Their books are very neatly kept, and dues well paid up. They opened up in the first and second degrees very well, and after giving them some instruction, and a good deal of encouragement, the lodge was closed, all glad to get into a cooler atmosphere.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, P.O., Very W. Bro. Chas. Mole, Secretary: Visited this lodge May 30th, in company with Very W. Bro. James M. Wilson, of Burns Lodge, No. 153. W. Bro. McKenzie occupied the chair. A large and enthusiastic assemblage of Masons were present. Members, 37; visitors, 10. On examination of the books, I found them

well and very correctly kept, showing all that books should show at a glance. Very few members in arrears, and financially, as in other respects, prosperous. The work of the evening, besides opening in the several degrees, was conferring the third degree, which was done in a most impressive manner by the W. M. On the whole, Victoria Lodge has not been in a more prosperous condition for a number of years than it is at present, and at the present prospects it will be but a short time till it regains its old status of being second to none in the west

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Pt. Edward, P.O., Wm. Mitchell, Secretary: Made this lodge an official visit on the evening of January 9th, 1893. Installed their officers, after which a most sumptuous banquet was partaken of, and an entertainment in the form of a concert was given a public audience of about 600 in their banqueting hall. I had the pleasure of the assistance this evening of R. W. Bro. Barker, Grand Senior Warden. A very large and enthusiastic assemblage of Masons were present, forty odd of their own members, and as many visitors, among whom were many American brethren. Visited this lodge again on the 8th of May, 1893, their regular meeting, W. Bro. Benjamin George, W.M., in the East. Number present: members, 17; visitors, 9. The work of the evening consisted of the first and third degrees, the former of which was conferred by W. Bro. McKenzie, of Victoria Lodge, and I must say he did his work fully as well as he does it in his own lodge. He was supported by his own officers, all of whom were a credit to the Craft, and their own lodge in particular. Lodge then opened in the second and third degrees, when the W. M., Bro. George, conferred the third degree in his usual correct and impressive manner. Bismarck Lodge, though having lost a large number of their members (owing to their removal after the construction of the international tunnel), still holds a very promising position among the best lodges in the district, and among all its reverses, with its present and past enthusiasm, bids fair to hold its own. It occupies a hall jointly with the I.O.O.F., which is spacious and beautifully furnished, the books well kept, and dues better paid up than the average. I would just say, I like the fraternal feeling exhibited among some lodges in having neighbor lodges assist occasionally. It stimulates all hands to do their work right, and automatically is a lodge of instruction, doing away with the feeling and the saying, "there are none here but ourselves, we need not be so particular."

St Clair Lodge No. 425, Pt. Lambton, P.O., W. H. McDonald, Secretary :- Official visit to this lodge was made December 27th, 1892 ; number of members present, 38. As it was their night for installation, I installed their officers for them. W. Bro. Findly had been re-elected, which saved the time of conferring the P.M. degree on him. At the conclusion of the installation, a candidate for the second degree being in waiting, the W. M. conferred that degree on him in a very correct and impressive manner, supported by his own officers. This, though the youngest lodge in the district, is certainly among the very best as regards material, and the earnestness they exhibit for their own advancement, and that of the Craft in general. Few suggestions had to be made for their welfare, they being almost perfect, and, maintaining the same ratio of improvement, they will, in a very short time, both financially and numerically, stand at the head of the list for St Clair District. Their books are well kept, their hall fairly furnished, and every member an enthusiastic Mason.

St John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges, P.O., R.W. Bro W. Lindsay, Sec'y : Visited this lodge, officially, Jan. 31st, 1893. W. Bro West, W.M., in the chair. There had been a complaint lodged against Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo, with regard to jurisdiction, which I investigated that evening. Evidence of which I submitted to the M.W. the Grand Master, which was decided in favor of Doric Lodge. I had the pleasure this evening of meeting R.W. Bro. Alex. Hess, D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 3. The work of the evening being to confer the first degree, which was done by W. Bro West in a most clear and impressive manner, well supported by his own officers. Although their jurisdiction is small, and numbers not over large, they appear to be live Masons, keep the dues well paid up ; have a lodge room of their own nearly paid for, beautifully furnished. And I must say, all things considered, they are as near perfect with regard to room, furniture, work, dues, keeping their books, etc., as any lodge in the district. R.W. Bro. Lindsay being at present their Secretary, the books are a model well worth copying.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy, P.O., A. A. Cockburn, Sec'y : Official visit made to this lodge on the evening of Jan. 6th, 1893. W. Bro James Boyne, W.M., in the East, and the minor officers in their proper places. The second degree was exemplified very efficiently, after which the lodge was opened and closed in the third and then closed down ; all the work was above the average, and for newly installed officers was ex-

ceptionally good. The brethren in other parts of the jurisdiction might take a useful lesson from the brethren of Strathroy in amalgamating small lodges ; they having recently united with old Euclid Lodge makes them one of the best, if not the best lodge in the district. The books were well and plainly kept, few in arrears and a good prospect for the future. I had the pleasure this evening of sitting with R.W. Bro. Whitehead, P.D.D.G.M., he being a member of this lodge. Members present, 38 ; visitors, 9.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford, P.O., Bro. Brown, Sec'y : Visited this lodge Mar. 27th, 1893, in company with V.W. Bro. J. M. Wilson, and R.W. Bro. I.P.D D.G.M., W.D Gregs, of Forest The W.M. and all the officers were in their places. The books are beautifully and correctly kept, few members in arrears The work of the evening was conferring the first and third degrees. The candidate in the latter degree was handed over to me after the signs, grips, etc., had been given ; the work of finishing that degree was done by myself. So far as the Master went, his work was correct and impressive : I may say, however, that Cassia Lodge has, in its make up, a number of enthusiastic P. Masters, and R.W. Bro. Geo. Holiwell, P. D.D.G.M., under whose watchful care and regular attendance the lodge can scarcely help becoming perfect, and to whose presence and advice it doubtless owes a great deal of its present efficiency, and the high position its officers hold for correct work.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming P.O., W. Newall, M.D., Secretary : I made my first official visit to this lodge on the evening of January 26th, 1893, Rev. G. M. Gunn, W. M. in the East. The work of the evening was four candidates for initiation, two of whom were initiated by Bro. Gunn, Wor. Master, who did the work in a most impressive and correct manner, supported by his junior officers very ably. Lodge then called off for refreshments, when a magnificent supper was partaken of and lodge called to work, when Very Wor. Bro. Jas. M. Wilson conferred the first degree in as correct a manner as I ever heard or saw it done. The fourth candidate being in waiting, I was asked to do the Master's part of the work, which I did. I may say of this lodge, it still holds its former record : not having lost anything under the care of Rev. Bro. Gunn. I found the books in very good condition ; more members in arrears than I think of advantage either to the lodge or to individual members.

I paid a second official visit to Burns Lodge, No. 153, on

the 29th of June, W. Bro. Gunn, W. M., in the chair. The work was to have been all three degrees, but, owing to the illness of the candidate for the third, he was not there. The ballot being clear for the candidate, the W. M. conferred the first degree, and I may say, kept his former record. There might have been some improvement on the work of the junior officers, but the evening was so close and hot, it was impossible for an officer to do his work correctly (Burns Lodge is derelict of their privilege and duty, in remaining in so small a room, when they are able to build a better one.) Lodge opened in the second degree, when W. Bro. Goodyer, of Havelock Lodge, conferred the second degree on a candidate. He did his work in his usual cool, correct, and impressive style. Very W. Bro. Wilson, to whom Burns Lodge owes so much of its correctness and prosperity, delivered the charges in his best style. The Secretary being absent from the country, Bro Dr.—— kept and keeps the record, which has not yet suffered from the absence of Dr. W. Newel, the regular Secretary. No. present, members, 42; visitors, 10. Last regular meeting Bro. Dr. Coghlan, Dist. Secretary, presented his dimit from Beaver Lodge, No. 83, this evening was admitted by ballot and took his place as a member.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford P.O., F. Kenward, Secretary: Met with the members of this lodge officially, May 23rd, 1893. In the absence of W. Bro. Jemison, W. M., who at the time was in Manitoba, W. Bro. Goodyer, P.M., filled the chair. The work of the evening was the giving the third degree to a candidate, which was most remarkably well done by the presiding Master, W. Bro. Goodyer, being well supported by his officers. I must say I was agreeably surprised at the masterly manner in which all acquitted themselves. The books were in good order; well kept and balanced up to date. The lodge well furnished, lighted by electricity, and, on the whole, is made a most agreeable spot for the brethren to renew fraternal principals. And, should Havelock maintain its present position, need not fear the presence of the most exact D. Deputy. No. present, members, 22; visitors, 5.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Mooretown P.O., W. J. Brown, Secretary: Made this lodge an official visit on December 1st. Received that notice of their lodge meeting, which was the first notice I had received up to that date. Their excuse to me was that the Secretary had moved away, and the W. M. R. W. Bro. Armstrong had to do his work. Lodge opened at 8 o'clock, R. W. Bro. Dr. Armstrong in the East; number pre-

sent, 10. As there was no work, and it being night of election of officers, I did not insist on their opening higher than the 1st degree, which opening showed that they had a faint idea of that part of the work on the floor of the lodge. I may say, however, that the J. W. was *pro tem.*, the regular officer of the South being absent. I found that had been the first meeting held since the visit of my predecessor R. W. Bro. Gregg; I found, too, that among its members were enrolled some enthusiastic, highly intelligent members, and on glancing over the history of their jurisdiction I fully made up my mind that there was material and ground for a first-class lodge. I advised them to make the effort, and promised as soon as they got to running regularly, to make them another visit, which I should have been happy to do, but have received no notice since, and presume they have not met. My predecessor, Bro. Gregg, advised the removal of this lodge to Courtright, there being a larger number of its members in that vicinity. And I am satisfied if the brethren of Moore Lodge would take that course new life would be infused into it. It is evident the brethren resident at Mooretown could not take less interest in it than they now do, and in probability would take a great deal more. Some of them spoke to me of the proper course to secure its removal, which I carefully mapped out for them, but they did not see fit to act upon it. If they do not either pull themselves together in Mooretown or remove the lodge to Courtright, I would positively advise removing their warrant.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona P. O., Geo. M. Everest, Secretary: This is a rural lodge in the most romantic and beautifully situated little village of western Canada, nestling as it does among the few hills of this whole peninsula. I had the pleasure of making this lodge an official visit on the evening of March 2nd, 1893, R. W. Bro. Hooper in the chair. Books well kept. Posted and balanced, with only one member over one year in arrears. In this respect Arkona Lodge bears the palm. The work of the evening consisted of conferring the 3rd degree, and admitting one member by accepting his demit. The conferring of the degree was done by W. Bro. Hooper in a clear, correct, impressive and masterly style, being well and ably supported by his junior officers, whom he has trained to perfection. I was most agreeably surprised to find such a lodge, and such good work in a rural lodge. Their room is of ample size, well furnished and well kept. Number of members present, 21; visitors, 17: I was accom-

panied in this visit by Very Wor. Bro. James M. Wilson, and shall remember Arkona Lodge among the unique and pleasant reminiscences of life. A banquet followed closing, which was appreciated by all.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier, Harrison Thompson, Secretary: Visited this lodge June 13th, 1893. W.M. Bro. Wm. Sutherland absent; his place was filled by W. Bro. P. M. Cameron, who, in absence of any work on the floor of the lodge, opened in the three degrees. Though this lodge has had one of its off years, and only one or two initiations, yet they meet very regularly, send notices as punctually as if work was abundant, and from the manner of their opening and closing show they are on hand when any work comes in, and prove most conclusively that Freemasonry is not alone in the manufacture of degrees, but in living in and out of lodge up to the principles of the Craft. I met their venerable Secretary, Bro. Thompson, with whom a half-hour's chat on Craft work is worth a long journey. Though nearly threescore years and twenty, he fills his post regularly, has not missed a night for a great number of years, and whose history, life, conduct, and regular attendance, puts to shame many young members. Though Ionic is not increasing numerically, it is all right: contains the bone and sinew, socially and morally, of a very fine community, and with the dues all paid up: the books well kept; a neat lodge, and the members proud of their Fraternal association. I am confident it long will remain an honor to the Craft, and a bulwark for good in the community. Members present, 15; visitors, 11. At close of lodge we partook of a very welcome lunch, and dispersed at 11 o'clock, well-pleased with the visit.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne, P.O., W. Pierce, Secretary: In company with R.W. Bro. Whitehead, P.D.D.G.M., I made this lodge an official visit April 26th, 1893. W. Bro. Houston, W.M., in the chair, the other officers in their respective places. Owing to the most inclement storm I ever witnessed, and this being a rural lodge, there was not a very large attendance. No. of members, 12; visitors, 7. Some work was expected, but, owing to the storm, the candidate was not forthcoming. The lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, which was done fairly well by the junior officers, and very efficiently by the W.M. The books were well kept. They have sent in their notices regularly, and I have no doubt but we may yet hear a good record from Dufferin Lodge in the near future. I gave them as much encouragement as I could, and hope for a good report from my successor.

Petrolea Lodge, No. 194, Petrolea, P.O., R. Scott, Secretary. Visited this lodge officially on June 14th, 1893, W. Bro. Burgess, W.M., in the chair, all the officers in their proper places. The work of the evening was an initiation. The degree was conferred by another W. Bro. Burgess, I.P.M., the W. Master being somewhat indisposed. The work was done in a very impressive and efficient manner. I was sorry the W.M. was not well enough to confer the degree, as his opening and closing was well done. The officers had their work perfect as possible, and, like its sister Washington Lodge, the books are in a most complete condition. Petrolea Lodge, I may say, is the Masonic home of some of the best Masons of the west. R.W. Bro. John Sinclair, P. Masters Mott, Jackson, Burgess and a lot of others, old and correct-living and working Masons, which make it impossible for it to be other than a most exemplary lodge, which has a bright future before it. The books are kept by W. Bro. Scott, who may invite inspection to their neatness and perfection at any time. Arrears few, and number of members present, 35 ; visitors present, 20.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigdon, P.O., Harry Lacock, Sec., I visited this lodge Jan. 12th, 1893, W.Bro. Ward in the East. I had the pleasure of seeing him exemplify the first degree in a very careful, correct manner, fairly well supported by his junior officers, which officers will, after a little more work, be among the best in the district. As this was their night for installation, and having no dispensation, I took the unconstitutional liberty to issue a dispensation and install forthwith, conferring the P.M. degree on W. Bro. ———. Leopold has the making and locality for a very fine lodge. I met with no better class of members : though scarce of work they have been extremely cautious in the material they have incorporated in their lodge, and will be a credit to the Craft, though their number is not so great as some of the sister lodges. The number of members present, 16 ; visitors, 2. Their books are well kept and balanced, and few in arrears. A sumptuous repast was partaken of after lodge, and all departed well pleased with the evening's work.

Huron Lodge. No. 392, Camlachie, P.O., Alva Tresler, Secretary: Visited this lodge officially on November 30th, 1892. in the absence, from sickness, of the M. W. the G. M., for the purpose of dedicating a new hall. Present—R. W. Dr. A. E. Harvey, D.D.G.M., as G.M. ; R. W. Bro. George Holwell, as D.G.M. ; R. W. Bro. R. W. Barker, G.S.W. ; R. W. Bro. W. D. Gregg, as J.W. ; Rev. Bro. J. M. Gunn, as G.C. ; W.

Bro. E. R. Erb, as G.T. ; W. Bro. W. Newell, M.D., as G.R. ; V. W. Bro. James M. Wilson, as G.S. ; Bro. John Brown, as G.T. ; Bro. R. McGregor, as G.S.D. ; Bro. N. K. Nesbit, as G.J.D. ; Bro. A. McKay, G.S.B. ; Bro. Col. Fisher, as G.D. of C. ; Bro. Dr. R. Cochlan, D.S., as G.A.S. ; Bro. Poole, as G.O. ; W. Bro. B. George, as G.P. Bros Wm. Monelley, S, Saunders, John Hunter, Guy Cambell, H. H. Hunt, as G.S's ; together with brethren from adjacent lodges, as follows : Have-lock, No. 238 ; Cassia, No. 116 ; Beaver, No. 83 ; Victoria, No. 56 ; Petrolea, No. 194 ; Washington, No. 260 ; Burns, No. 153 ; Forest, No. 263 ; Arkona, No. 207, and Bismarck, No. 419.

Grand Lodge was opened in form in the banqueting hall of the building to be dedicated at half-past 8 o'clock, p.m., by the acting G.M., Dr. A. E. Harvey, D.D.G.M., who stated to the lodge the object of the present emergent meeting then assembled, and that the M.W., the G.M., had deputed him to preside. A deputation from Huron Lodge, No. 392, was received, which consisted of W. Bros. P.M. D. Macentire ; P.M. J. R. Cairns, and W. Bro. Alva Tresler, who stated that they had been commissioned to interview the M.W. the G.M., and G.L. then assembled, and asked them to dedicate the hall of Huron Lodge, No. 392. The acting Master informed the deputation that their request should be acceded to, and directed them to return and inform the W.M. and brethren of Huron Lodge, No. 392, that G.L. was now in session for the purpose indicated. When the deputation had retired, G. L. was called off for an hour, for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Huron Lodge, No. 392. A procession was formed of the above-named G. L. officers and members, which marched to the hall, Past Masters bearing the cornucopia and golden vessels, containing the corn, wine and oil for consecration, the various officers of G. L. being in their proper position. After their reception by Huron Lodge, G. L. assumed command of private lodge, and proceeded to dedicate the hall, which was conducted according to the new ceremony. The W. M. and officers of Lodge No. 392 then took command of their lodge, and permitted G. L. to retire, which they did, by forming into procession, and repairing to G. L. room, where they were duly called on, and then proceeded to close in form at 9.50, p.m. I may here say that the brethren of both Grand and private lodges were not slow to show their appreciation of the new dedication ceremony, in preference to the apology in our book of constitution. Private lodge was then called on, and opened

in the third degree, which Bro. F. Kennedy conferred in a most impressive manner. The junior officers, too, did their work in a most impressive manner, and absolutely correct. The W.M. has not forgotten the old Ritual, but by it was correct. Huron Lodge ranks among the most prosperous in the district, which speaks volumes for my predecessors, and Bro. Kennedy in particular. No. of members present, 34; visitors, 50. Visited this Huron lodge, No. 392, again, May 30th, 1893, W. Bro. W. Hugh Symington, W. M., in the chair. All the officers in their proper places. The work of the evening was conferring the 2nd degree, which was done well by both master and officers. In fact I was pleased to see they had not forgotten their old instruction under R. W. Bros. Greys and Whitehead. Their books, so far as the secretary was concerned, were well kept. Arrears not more than the average. On the whole, Huron Lodge bids fair to be one of the best lodges in the district. Number present, members, 22; visitors, 5.

I find nearly all the lodges have their property insured, and I have as forcibly as possible enjoined all to take advantage of that security, and keep all insurable property covered.

SUSPENSIONS.

During my term of office I have had reported me ten members for non-payment of dues.

REMARKS.

Considering the district, as it now stands, and comparing it with what it was 15 or 20 years ago, I found a very great improvement. In fact, language and space will not permit anything like a description. Too much praise cannot be given my predecessors, who for the past ten years have worked incessantly for the benefit of the Craft. The improvement is not so much, or not alone, in the class of work done, but socially and morally there has been a general elevation of the Craft: classes who once constituted a large percentage are now excluded. There may yet be an improvement in some lodges, not so much morally, as there appears to be a strife to get as many into the lodge as possible, not considering the calibre of the whole make-up which constitutes a man. In other words, there is a want of the number of those that constitute the backbone of society. In other lodges the brethren have had a care to get as many as possible of the leading members of society incorporated in their number. Again, in a moral point of view, there is a very great improvement: and

brothers, for the sake of the Craft, just because they are Masons, are cautious of their conduct. Such things speak well for the Craft ; such things show that the principles of Masonry as well as the letter are being learned and diffused in society. Again thanking my subordinate officers in the district, and the brethren one and all with whom I have met throughout the district, for the kindness, assistance and courtesy extended to me, I close my report. All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. E. HARVEY, D.D.G.M.

St. Clair District, No. 2.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in St. Clair District, No. 2, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship		Degrees conferred				Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members	Amount paid for Relief.	No. of Members 12 Months in Arrears.	Total of all Arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. Work all Degrees?	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Regular.					Emergency.	Total.											
56	Victoria	Sarnia	64	...	2	1	2	2	1	4	1	..	12	1	13	18	.....	16	\$ 74	June 27, '93.	Good	Very fair	Yes	\$ 300 00
83	Beaver	Strathroy	98	13	3	4	4	1	5	8	..	4	14	317	20	.....	24	169 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	1,000 00	
328	Leicester	Napier	25	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	8	7	.....	10	.....	July 7, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Insured.
260	Washington	Petrolia	72	5	3	5	6	4	2	..	..	..	1	14	620	15	.....	20	134 50	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	..
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	55	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	12	14	.....	25	152 25	June 24, '93.	V. good	Fair	Yes	1,000 00
263	Forest	Forest	56	8	5	5	4	3	8	3	..	..	12	6	18	25	.....	9	80 00	June, '92	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
158	Alexander	Oil Springs	41	2	8	8	6	2	2	2	2	14	10	20	95 00	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
153	Burns	Wyoming	16	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	5	15	23	.....	16	111 00	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
425	St. Clair	Port Lambton	41	6	6	6	4	..	1	3	..	..	13	5	18	20	.....	30	40 00	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	216 00
419	Bismarek	Pt. Edward	70	2	2	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	6	2	8	16	.....	7	21 00	June 24, '93.	Good	Fair	Yes	Insured.
307	Arkona	Arkona	39	6	4	4	4	1	1	6	1	14	1	14	16	.....	..	..	Dec., '92	Good	Fair	Yes	Insured.	
392	Ilwaco	Cambridge	50	8	2	5	9	9	3	1	2	1	14	5	19	23	.....	12	121 00	June 30, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Insured.
397	Leopold	Bridgen	38	7	1	7	6	4	1	..	..	..	10	7	17	10	.....	18	200 00	June, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	185 00
81	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	72	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	4	..	12	1	13	20	.....	5	17 00	May 26, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	1,500 00
116	Cassia	Theford	33	5	1	4	3	1	1	2	..	..	11	1	12	15	.....	4	13 00	June 27, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
238	Havelock	Watford	66	4	5	5	4	..	1	2	..	..	12	1	13	15	.....	8	42 00	June 27, '92	Good	Good	Yes	..
364	Dufferin	McBourne	33	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	12	..	12	10	.....	12	43 00	June 24, '93.	Fair	Fair	Yes	None
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	57	2	8	8	8	..	1	1	1	1	14	4	18	25	.....	12	54 00	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
294	Moore	Mooretown, ab't	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	.....	..	..	..	Bad	..	No rel.	

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have much pleasure in placing before your notice this report on the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District. This, I presume, will prove to be the most difficult part of my year's labor, for while on the one hand each lodge will want as much space as possible devoted to them, I have on the other hand to meet the Committee on Printing with the perpetual warning, "boil it down."

As soon as possible, after assuming the duties of office, I wrote the secretary of each lodge asking that a copy of all lodge notices be sent me, as provided by the Constitution, but which, as a rule, is not adhered to by many lodges. My request in this direction was very generously complied with, one secretary, however, declining to send them for the reason that some years ago his lodge had passed a resolution that no notices be issued, except a ballot was to be passed for an election of officers to take place. Whilst in this case the non-compliance with my request may not have been intended as a lack of courtesy, it certainly had that appearance, and I must add my firm belief, that there is no greater incentive to a good attendance at our lodge meetings than the issuing of the notices regularly to each member, whether any special business is to be transacted or not. Some of the secretaries, again, sent the notices to the D.D.G.M., until that particular lodge had been visited, and then seemed to forget all about it. The Constitution provides that a copy of each summons be sent to the District Deputy, and this rule should be fully complied with, as he is thus kept at all times fully posted on all the work taking place in his district.

Of the twenty-seven lodges in the district, all have been visited once, and eleven twice or oftener.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London East: Visited this lodge on September 6th. There was a good attendance of members, and all the officers were in their places. One candidate was advanced to the 2nd degree, and the work was very creditably performed. The lodge has a membership of about seventy-five, and the dues were fairly well paid up. Arrangements were being made to secure a new lodge-room, as the one occupied had to be vacated.

February 27th: On this date I again visited this lodge, when I had the honor of representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master in holding a special communication of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of dedicating their new hall to the purposes of Free Masonry. There was a large attendance, and the brethren of No. 330 were heartily congratulated on the neatness and convenience of their new rooms. A further report of this meeting will be found on another page. During the evening I had the pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, of presenting their I. P. M., W. Bro. Stead, with a very handsome gold jewel, on which he made a suitable reply.

Prince of Wales, No. 171, Iona: I made a first visit to this lodge on September 9th. Apart from the Worshipful Master, almost every other officer was absent. This, however, I am pleased to say, was an exception to the general rule, as the Tyler's register showed an average attendance of nearly twenty, and which, in proportion to the membership, was certainly a good showing. Several P. M's. were present on the occasion of my visit. Two candidates were advanced to the 2nd degree and one to the 3rd. Considering the absence of the regular wardens, the work was well done. I noticed a disposition on the part of some of the members to keep up the old-time habit of playing some practical jokes at the expense of 3rd degree candidates. This, I trust, will be put a stop to by all W. M's., as our rites are of altogether too sublime and impressive a nature to admit of any jesting whatever. .

I again visited this lodge on June 2nd, when I was unfortunate enough to again find both the Wardens and the Secretary absent in St. Thomas. I trust the cause of their absence was fully justifiable. There was a fair attendance. The W. M. opened and closed very efficiently in the three degrees. This lodge may be set down as fairly prosperous.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: Visited this lodge on October 5th, when I found all the officers present except the J.W., who was too ill to attend. There was work in both the first and second degrees, which was very nicely and correctly done. Some internal troubles, under which this lodge has been laboring for some years, have, I am pleased to say, almost disappeared: in fact, just as my official year is closing, I learn that complete harmony prevails. The lodge summons for the April meeting contained no less than ten names to be balloted for, all of whom, I am pleased to say, proved worthy of acceptance at the ballot. Subsequent notices contained the names of other applicants, so that this lodge must certainly be classed

among the most prosperous in the district. With this return of prosperity, I must strongly urge upon the lodge to see to it that only brethren are elected to the principal chairs, who, from the start, are competent to do their work properly in all the degrees, and any who are not thus qualified should not allow themselves to become candidates for any office whatever. This remark applies to many lodges in the district, and will, I trust, be acted on more generally in the future.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Visited this lodge on October 11th, and found a large turnout of brethren. This is not only the oldest lodge in the district, but is also one of the largest, having about 150 members. On the occasion of my visit two candidates were initiated. As this is one of the two lodges having permission to work under a different ritual than the others, I cannot consider myself a competent judge of the work done, but from the easy and regular manner in which Wor. Bro. Smith and his officers discharged their duties, I must conclude that the work was very efficiently performed.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: Visited this lodge on October 13th, when I again met a large number of members and visitors. One second degree was conferred, and as this lodge also works what is generally termed the Irish ritual, my remarks in reference to St. John's, No. 20, will also apply to No. 209a. This lodge is, in addition, the largest lodge in the district.

I also had the pleasure of accompanying the officers and members of this lodge on a pilgrimage to Detroit on Nov. 18th, when Wor. Bro. Rowat and his officers exemplified the third degree in such a manner as to call forth the most flattering praise from such an eminent Mason as Most Wor. Bro. Innes, the Grand Master of Michigan, who honored the occasion with his presence. This was certainly the Masonic event of the year in this district, as most of the lodges appeared to be represented. Two train loads went from London and St. Thomas, and the brethren of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto, formed the third train. The banquet at the Wayne Hotel was an ample proof of the fraternal regard in which the Canadian Masons are held by their brethren in Detroit.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: Visited this lodge on October 20th, and in addition to a good turnout of their own members, there was a goodly number of visitors, including Rt. Wor. Bros. A. B. Munson, P.D.D.G.M., and R. W. Barker, G.S.W. One candidate was raised to the third degree, and the work was very efficiently performed.

I again met the officers of this lodge at Delaware on May 26th, when, as the guests of Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358; they conferred the third degree, and, as before, the work was very nicely done. I very much approve of these fraternal visits between lodges, as they not only tend to a greater uniformity of the work, but also their social advantages cannot be over-estimated.

Sparta Lodge, No. 176, Sparta: Visited this lodge on October 31st. If there is any virtue in the number seven, this would be a fortunate lodge, for that was just the number of members present on the night of my visit. I should add, however, that it was a rainy night, which may have kept some away. At the same time, this was the first meeting held since June 24th. Whilst the lodge has a competent Secretary, I must add my firm belief that the non-collecting of lodge dues has much to do with the want of interest manifested. The W.M. opened and closed very correctly in the three degrees. At this date (June 24th), I am assured by the Secretary that the prospects are much improved. Two or three new members have just been accepted, and the question of the delinquent members has been actively taken up, so that all things considered, I am glad to report a better state of affairs than existed a year ago.

Mount Olivet, No. 300, Thorndale: Visited this lodge on November 1st, and met a fair turnout for such a wet night. The officers were nearly all present, and the Wor. Master opened and closed very nicely in the three degrees, there being no actual work. This lodge is in very good circumstances: owning their hall, free from debt, and a good sum in the Treasurer's hands.

I again visited this lodge on December 27th, when, assisted by the Very Wor. Bro. E. T. Shaw, of Merrill Lodge, No. 344, I installed the officers for the ensuing year. There was a large turnout, and, at the close, a banquet and concert followed, entirely in the hands of the ladies. This lodge is in good shape, although new members come in very slowly.

St. Paul's, No. 107, Lambeth: I met the brethren of this lodge on November 2nd, and found a very large attendance, in fact, the Tyler's register shows that the attendance is almost invariably good. Quite a number of P.Ms attend very regularly. One candidate was passed to the second degree, and the work was very well done by the officers, all of whom were present. The hall, which is unusually well furnished, is owned by the lodge; the lower floor of which is rented for

public meetings, etc., thus forming a source of revenue. There is a steady growth of new members, and I am sure the lodge has a bright future before it.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo: Visited this lodge on November 1st. I was quite surprised at the large turnout on such a disagreeable night. In fact, with all due regard to all the other lodges of the district, I must in all fairness say that Doric Lodge is the best attended by its members, of any rural lodge. The hall, which is also well furnished, is owned by the lodge and is free from debt. One second degree was conferred, and the work very well done by all the officers. A good number of P. M's, who take great interest in the lodge, are almost invariably present to assist with their presence and advice.

A notice was handed to me at this meeting from the D. D. G. M, No. 2 District, saying that St. John's Lodge, Mount Brydges, charged Doric Lodge with a violation of the Constitution, by initiating a candidate from the jurisdiction of St. John's Lodge without consent.

I was present at an investigation held at Mount Brydges on January 31st by Right Wor. Bro. Harvey, and, from the evidence submitted, it appeared clearly that Doric Lodge had in no way exceeded its rights. Both lodges were well represented, and everything passed off pleasantly.

Delaware Lodge, No. 316, Delaware: Visited this lodge on November 4th, and although it was another stormy night, there was a very good attendance, the officers all being present. There was one candidate for the second degree, and, from the satisfactory manner in which he passed his examination, I am of the opinion that the lodge is well conducted. Owing to a large amount of other business, the degree was not conferred. I found that in the past the books and accounts of the lodge had been considerably neglected, so that the auditors had experienced great difficulty in presenting a satisfactory statement of the lodge's affairs. In fact, some unpleasantness had been caused between certain members on this account. However, a new set of books have been obtained, and I am pleased to state that this lodge is, at the close of my term, in a first-class condition. A protest was also made against this lodge by St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London, for initiating a candidate without consent, who had not been twelve months in their jurisdiction. They further objected to the fitness of the candidate. On enquiry I found that consent had been obtained from some of the London brethren, who spoke well of the applicant, and, in addition, waived jurisdiction in the matter,

while the brethren of No. 20 urged their objections and claimed the initiation fee. In considering the case fully, and the fact that the applicant had been so near twelve months away from London, I disposed of the case by asking the brethren of Delaware Valley Lodge to apologize to the objecting lodge for invading their jurisdiction, and which I am told was done.

I again visited this lodge on May 26th, when the officers of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London, conferred the third degree. Will the members of No. 358 kindly read very carefully my closing remarks *re* Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: Made my first visit to this lodge on November 7th, and found a good turnout of members and visitors. In addition to the Grand Sr. Warden, Right Wor. Bros. Munson, Hungerford and Simpson were also present. Work was done in the first and second degrees. This lodge claims credit for doing first-class work, and, from what I saw on the occasion of my visit, I must say that their claim in this matter was fully justified.

I again visited this lodge on June 2nd, when Wor. Bro. Vanstone and officers conferred the second degree in a manner highly creditable to themselves.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: My first visit to this lodge was on October 10th, it being the dedication of their new hall, which had been built to replace the one destroyed by fire. The ceremony was conducted by the Most Wor. the Grand Master, and will appear on another page of the Proceedings.

I again visited St. Mark's on November 8th, when I found a very good attendance, and the officers all in their places. Two candidates were advanced to the second degree, and the work was very nicely done.

I made a third trip to this lodge on February 14th, when I installed the Worshipful Master and officers for the ensuing year. Notwithstanding the fact that this lodge lost all their effects by fire, the members have stood shoulder to shoulder and succeeded in refurnishing their new hall in a first-class manner, and are entirely out of debt. I feel confident that this lodge has a successful future before it.

Nilestown, No. 345, Nilestown: Visited this lodge on October 29th, and found a large number present, and all the officers in their places except the J. W. One candidate was initiated and the work well done. There were also two applications received, so the lodge appeared to have plenty of work. Among the visitors were the W. Bros. Cooper, Rowat and

Campbell, of London. Among the members were P. M's. Niles and James, two of the pioneer members of the lodge. I again visited this lodge on June 27th, accompanied by W. Bro. Cooper, of London, for the purpose of installing the officers for the current year. This business having been disposed of, I was asked, on behalf of the lodge, to present W. Bro. Joseph Wilson, P. M., with a beautiful gold P. M's. jewel, as he was removing into the jurisdiction of another lodge. Bro. Wilson made a suitable reply, and the rest of the evening passed in a most pleasant manner.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: Visited this lodge on November 30th, and was much pleased and surprised at the large number present, nearly all of whom were members of the lodge. There was no work ready, but the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in such a manner as to fully convince me that the officers were all well up in their work. This lodge has also suffered from fire, and whilst arranging for a new building on their lot, are occupying a rented hall. The lodge's prospects seem very encouraging for the future. I am quite at a loss to understand how this lodge came to be placed in No. 3 district, as their natural home is most assuredly in No. 6 district, and the members to whom I spoke on the subject were quite in favor of being in the latter district.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: Visited this lodge on December 1st. It being election night there was a very good turnout of members. No degree work was undertaken, as the evening was fully occupied with other business. This is one of the largest lodges in the district, and its financial affairs, under the guidance of R. W. Bro. Slater, are in a most healthy condition as well as very neatly kept.

I again visited this lodge on June 1st, on which occasion there was a large number of visitors as well as members. One 3rd degree was conferred, and the work very nicely done, only I must ask this lodge also to make a note of my closing remarks regarding No. 171. When the members of St. David's Lodge recently lost their beautiful hall by fire, the brethren of No. 44 at once generously placed the use of their rooms at the disposal of their brethren.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: Visited this lodge on December 7th. The officers were all present except the Deacons. One 3rd degree was conferred, and the work done in such a manner as to reflect much credit on W. Bro. Luscombe, who at the time was almost too ill to be away from his own home. This was also the occasion of the annual election of

officers, so there was a very good attendance of members, as well as quite a number of visitors. I fully hoped to make a second visit to this lodge, but the time was not at my disposal, however, I had an opportunity of seeing the new officers of this lodge exemplify the third degree in a very satisfactory manner at a Lodge of Instruction, held in London on April 7th.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, London West: Visited this lodge on December 9th, and found the officers all present except the J.W., who was absent, owing to sickness. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including Past Master ex-Mayor McCully, of St. Thomas, who accompanied me on the trip. One 2nd degree was conferred, and the work well done. It being the annual election of officers, the balance of the evening was devoted to this business. Notwithstanding the fact that this lodge, in common with a good many others, has been obliged to suspend quite a number of delinquent members, at the same time its financial affairs are in good shape and carefully watched over by the Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M., who is almost invariably on hand at lodge meetings. The officers for this year, with Mayor Essery as W. M., are, I am assured, making good records for themselves as skilled Craftsmen.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: I made my official visit to this, the youngest of the city lodges, on December 12th. The attendance was certainly the largest that I had met at any of my visits during the year. This was also the occasion of the annual election of officers, and no other work was taken up. Like No. 378, this lodge has had the unpleasant duty of suspending quite a number of members for N. P. D., and I trust that all lodges will see to it hereafter that more active measures are taken for the collection of dues, before the amount gets so large that it becomes burdensome to the members as well as the lodge.

I again visited this lodge on the 12th, but owing to the extreme heat the attendance was not up to the average. No work was taken up other than routine, and the evening was pleasantly passed in a social way, with speeches, etc.

This concluded my visits to the London Lodges, and I wish just here to say to the brethren in all other parts of the district, that I could not help but notice how much better all the candidates were posted in their examinations before advancement, in London than elsewhere. I trust this intimation will be fully appreciated throughout the district, and that in the

future no candidate will be advanced to a superior degree until a thorough examination, including the O. B., has been passed in open lodge, in the preceding degree.

Moffatt Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: Visited this lodge on December 28th, and found a fairly good turnout considering it is not only the smallest lodge in the district, but in the province as well. I am glad to report a decided improvement in the condition of this lodge to what has been reported for some years past. On the occasion of my visit one candidate was raised to the third degree. The W. M. not having had previous work in this degree, was assisted in a portion of the ceremony, but up to the time that he gave up the gavel he did the work quite well. Since my visit there has been degree work at almost every meeting, and at a recent Lodge of Instruction W. Bro. Scott and his officers did the second degree very nicely. The lodge meets in a rented hall and for which only nominal rent is paid.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer.—In company with V. W. Bro. Long, Grand Steward, and W. Bros. Caughell and McCully, of St. Thomas, I visited this lodge on Jan. 24th, as is usual in this stirring little town, there was a large attendance of members and quite a fair number of visitors. Two candidates were given the third degree, and the work certainly reflected great credit on W. Bro. Clark and his officers. There is, perhaps, no town in Canada, for its size, where the degree work in all social and fraternal societies is kept at so high a standard as in Aylmer. I found everything in connection with the lodge in a prosperous condition, and there was really no occasion for me to make a second visit, which I am sure I would have enjoyed very much.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester: Visited this lodge on January 25th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Munson, and W. Bro. Cooper, of London. There was no degree work done, in fact previous reports for two or three years show that this lodge has not been growing to any extent for some time. On the occasion of my visit, however, there were two applications received, and subsequent lodge notices contain the names of other applicants, so that the officers are being favored with more work.

I held a Lodge of Instruction in this lodge room to which reference will be made later on, when the officers of this lodge exemplified the first degree in a first class manner. The lodge owns the hall and keeps fairly well insured.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: Visited this lodge on

Jan. 30th. The brethren were somewhat late in getting ready to open lodge, due, in part, no doubt to the fact that there was no degree work to be done. The W. Master opened and closed very efficiently in the three degrees. This is the best furnished of any lodge room outside of the cities, in the district. The members are also better than the average in attendance at lodge duties.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston: The only opportunity I had of visiting this lodge was on March 2nd, when as the representative of the Grand Master, I held a special communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of dedicating their new hall to the purposes of Freemasonry. A list of those assisting me will be found on another page of the proceedings.

The hall, or shed rather, in which this lodge has been held for some years, must, I am sure, have had much to do with its lack of growth and interest. On removing to their new hall I had hoped to see signs of new life and vigor, but, which thus far have not been realized. I earnestly urge upon my successor the need of his careful attention to this lodge, and, which, I regret, I was unable to give.

This lodge has been charged with invading the territory of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300. I settled the matter as I thought the circumstances would justify. I trust that all parties will be satisfied, and complete harmony be restored.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: As this is the lodge of which I am a member, I have in a semi-official way attended at least a dozen of its meetings the past year.

On Oct. 10th, a special communication of Grand Lodge was summoned, when the M.W. the Grand Master dedicated their new hall to Freemasonry. There was no nicer or more appropriate lodge room in Western Ontario, and everything was prospering nicely until April, when the lodge room was destroyed by fire; the books and papers alone being saved. There was a moderate insurance on the contents. For two years in succession this lodge has had the misfortune to have their W.M. move out of the jurisdiction about midway in his term, and the consequence has been that the work generally has not been quite as well done as it should have been. The Deacons particularly have been very irregular in attendance. The membership of this lodge is very largely composed of railway men, who find it next to impossible to attend every meeting.

I installed the officers for the current year on June 24th, and I feel satisfied that there will be a good attendance and a better rendering of work.

The lodge is in a good shape both socially and financially and stands fourth on the district in membership. They meet at present in the rooms of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal : Visited this lodge on April 25th, accompanied by Bro. Dr. Lawrence. There was a fair attendance, and the officers were all present except the W.M. whose business required him to be away from home a large portion of his time. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Campbell, I.P.M. ; on whom the lodge seemed to rely very largely. There was work to be done but the candidate was unable to be present. The lodge was opened and closed very nicely in the three degrees. I think the outlook of the lodge is improving. They own their hall, are free from debt, and have some money ahead. The books, too, are well and properly kept by the Secretary, W. Bro. Burwell. There was no insurance on the property ; but a committee was appointed to attend to the matter at once.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont : I visited this lodge on the 21st of June. There was a large attendance, including visitors from London, Nilestown, and Harrietsville. There was no degree work ; in fact, this is one of the three lodges that have reported no degree work during the year. The election of officers took place, and from the brethren selected I shall hope for a far more prosperous year. Before closing the lodge, at the request of the Wor. Master I had the agreeable task of presenting the Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Boyd, P.D.D.G.M., on behalf of his brethren, with a very beautiful and expensive set of Grand Lodge regalia, according to his rank. The Rt. Wor. Brother replied in feeling terms, and the pleasant meeting wound up with songs and feasting. "Happy to meet, sorry to part," and happy to meet again."

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

During the year I called three Lodges of Instruction, all of which were well attended.

The first of these was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Thomas (east end), on Feb. 27th. At the afternoon session, in the unavoidable absence of the officers of Cameron Lodge, 232, Dutton, Wor. Bro. Crinklaw, Past Master St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, with a selection of officers from various lodges, conferred the first degree. Considering the circumstances, and the time since the brother had been in the chair, the work was exceedingly well done. In the evening, Wor. Bro. McPherson and his officers, of St. Paul's Lodge, exemplified the degree in such a manner as to leave little or no room for criticism.

After this, Wor. Bro. Rutherford, P.M., and the officers of Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer, conferred the third degree. Seldom, if ever, have I listened to a more correct rendering of this beautiful degree, and all taking part came in for a well deserved share of praise.

A second lodge of this kind was called in the Masonic Temple, London, on Friday, April 7th. At the afternoon session, Wor. Bro. W. C. Harris, P. M., and the officers of Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, illustrated the first degree. At no time during my term of office did I see the work in this degree as well performed as on this occasion, the lecture by J. W. (Bro. Halliday) being entirely perfect. At the evening session, Wor. Bro. McDougall and officers of Niles-town Lodge, No. 345, worked the second degree; and Wor. Bro. Nellis, and officers of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London, the third degree. In both instances the work was exceedingly well done, and ample proof given that the work in rural lodges can be quite as efficiently performed as in the cities.

Among the visitors at this meeting were Rt. Wor. Bros. Barker, Simpson, Dewar, Hungerford, Munson, Robson and Porte. Very Wor. Bros. Rowat, Burke, Clark and Ellis, besides the W. M.'s and P. M's, and quite a number of others. Several minor points were raised, and I trust satisfactorily disposed of.

On Her Majesty's birthday, May 24th, the third Lodge of Instruction was convened at Dorchester Station. The attendance was not so large, but the interest was well maintained throughout. In the afternoon, Wor. Bro. Shaw and his officers, of Merrill Lodge, No. 344, initiated a candidate, and although this lodge had not been favored with much degree work for some time, all the officers did their parts remarkably well. Many lodges miss a very beautiful part of this degree by leaving out the lecture on the Tracing Board. I trust all J. W's. will see to it that in future no omissions of this kind will occur.

At the evening meeting, Wor. Bro. Scott, and officers of Moffatt Lodge No. 399, Harrietsville, exemplified the second degree, and Wor. Bro. Kennedy and the officers of King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford, the third degree.

Moffatt Lodge is the smallest in membership in our entire jurisdiction, and it is particularly gratifying to notice the great improvement made by the officers since my official visit to that lodge in December last.

The third degree was also given with great care and attention I feel confident that the meeting was productive of much good, and our National Holiday none the less respected.

DISPENSATIONS.

Two dispensations were applied for, and granted, both to attend Divine service. One was to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, and the other to St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas. In both instances, June 25th, was the date selected and a goodly number of Masons were present at both services. The brethren of St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, also attended church in a body, on June 18th, when R.W. Bro. Rev. Evans Davis, delivered the address. No dispensation was applied for in this case, owing, no doubt, to the fact that the new officers were just installed and the matter overlooked. I would suggest that the charging of a fee for dispensations to attend Divine service be discontinued by Grand Lodge, as I feel certain that the Craft would be benefited if these gatherings were more general throughout the jurisdiction.

NEW BY-LAWS.

The following lodges have had new By-laws ratified during the year, namely :—St. George's, No. 42 ; Malahide, No. 140 ; Mount Olivet, No. 300, and King Solomon, No. 394.

I am of the opinion that quite an additional number of lodges would either frame new By-laws out and out, or amend them in some particulars, if the officers in charge would compare them carefully with the Constitution.

FROM LABOR TO REST.

Whilst we have all been busily engaged in our own duties, death, the leveller of all human greatness, has been in our midst and again and again the silver cord has become loosed and the golden bowl broken, as brother after brother has answered the last summons.

On Oct. 19th, at the request of the W.M. of Warren Lodge, No. 120, I conducted the burial services over the grave of Bro. Neil Campbell, the Inner Guard of the lodge. There was a large turn out of brethren, and an immense concourse of friends, in token of the high esteem in which our brother was held.

Again, on April 12th, at the request of the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, I conducted the funeral service of Bro. John Caruthers, of that lodge, and whose remains were brought from Chatham to St. Thomas for interment.

In all, seventeen deaths have been reported to me in the district, including in the list Wor. Bro. James Armstrong, P. M., of Nilestown Lodge, No. 345 and who, at the time of his death was the respected M.P. for South Middlesex.

D.D.G.M.'S REGALIA.

As no vote on the above subject, so far as I am concerned, will be considered in order in our district meeting of 1893, I may be pardoned for saying a word on the subject. At the district meeting in London last year, at which, I believe, every lodge was represented, a resolution was moved and unanimously passed to present my immediate predecessor, Rt. Wor. Bro. Robson with a set of Grand Lodge Regalia. A committee was appointed to carry this resolution into effect, and whilst I know that every effort has been made to complete the task, it is a humiliating fact that up to the present time only about two-thirds of the lodges have paid their assessments—brethren, this is not fair. If I represented a lodge where a resolution of this kind was passed, and afterwards the lodge refused to pay the trifling amount of its assessment, I would have the backbone to pay it out of my own pocket, rather than break faith with a worthy brother.

CONCLUSION.

Now that my labors as D.D.G.M. are ended, I cannot close this report without expressing in some feeble way my sincere thanks for the courtesy with which I have been treated.

To Rt. Wor. Bro. Dewar, of the *Free Press*, the Very Wor. Bro. Clarke and Bro. Peters, of *The Advertiser*, as well as to the *Journal* and *Times*, of St. Thomas, I am deeply indebted for having kept all my movements and visits fully before the district.

To the W. M's. and brethren generally all over my jurisdiction I am unable to say how much I appreciate the more than fraternal manner in which I have at all times been received.

Whilst my labors at times have been somewhat arduous, and perhaps a little difficult, they have been greatly lightened by the cordial greeting that I have met on every hand. I cannot hope to have pleased all, or to have governed without making some errors: but I know full well that the brethren throughout the district will be generous enough to judge the will as well as the deed.

This closes the most pleasant year of my Masonic life, and my successor will repeat my words a year hence if he meets, as I am sure he will, the same fraternal greetings that have at all times been accorded to me.

In conclusion, brethren, when the J. W. dismisses us for the last time, "sorry to part," may we all realize in the Grand Lodge above that we are truly "happy to meet again."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALEX. HESS, D.D.G.M.

London District, No. 3.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present to you the following report upon the condition of the Craft in the Fourth Masonic District.

The brethren of this district having elected me to the honorable office of D.D.G.M., at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, I wish here to express to them my thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and also for the kindness and courtesy extended to me by the officers and members of the various lodges on the occasion of my official visits during the term.

I appointed W. Bro. Robert Park, W.M. of Maitland Lodge, my District Secretary. His valuable assistance and prompt attention to all Masonic business entrusted to him, have lightened my labor in no small degree, and I now desire to return him my warmest thanks.

There are in this district fifteen lodges. I regret to say that I have not been able to visit them all, as I had purposed doing, pressure of business and other causes preventing me. I was desirous to visit, as far as possible, each lodge upon the occasion of its regular meeting, as the W.M's. stated that upon these occasions the brethren were present in greater numbers. I thus visited eleven lodges, some of them twice, and some of them three times.

I have pleasure in reporting that this district is in a most flourishing and progressive condition, all the lodges visited, with one exception, being as nearly perfect in the work as possible. This satisfactory state of affairs is mainly due to the desire of the W.M's. to excel each other in the work. To this end they visit each other's lodges, many of them travelling long distances to do so, and thus the work throughout the district is as nearly uniform as possible. I cannot too strongly commend these Worshipful Brethren, for the time, energy, zeal and ability devoted by them to the Masonic work have brought South Huron District into a state of perfection that is not excelled, if equalled, in any district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

During the year I have issued the following Dispensations : Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford ; Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton ; Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, and Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter, to attend Divine service.

On the occasion of attending Divine service at Clinton, on St. John's Day, Sunday, June 25th, the greatest assemblage of Masons that I have ever been present at, or that has ever been held in No. 4 District, took place. Among the visiting brethren were : From Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, W. M. Parke and 35 brethren ; from Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter, W. M. R. H. Collins and 32 brethren ; from Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth, W. M. Rev. J. W. Hodgins and 20 brethren ; from Blyth Lodge, No. 303, W. M. J. M. Hamilton and 20 brethren ; from Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall, W. M. G. T. Mackay and 12 brethren ; from Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, W. M. J. P. Brown and 17 brethren, besides many brethren from other points. The Right Worshipful the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Rev J. H. Fairlie, formerly resident in Meaford, now of Clinton, preached a most eloquent and instructive sermon, which the brethren highly appreciated.

VISITATIONS.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 133, Exeter : I visited this lodge November 28th. There were present the W. M., the officers and about thirty brethren. The W. M. opened the lodge in the three degrees, and conferred the third. The Master's work was done with a perfection rarely equalled. This lodge is in a flourishing condition, gaining in membership, has a beautiful room, well furnished, has a good average attendance, and very few members in arrears. The books are well kept, and the members are full of vim, which means a bright future for Lebanon Forest Lodge. After the lodge closed, I was entertained at a banquet held in the Central Hotel, where a pleasant time was spent.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich : I visited this lodge officially on the evening of December 13th. The W. M., officers, and about 55 brethren were present. The election of officers took place, and thereafter the W. M. opened in the three degrees, and conferred the third degree upon two candidates. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which this work was done. All the officers of this lodge are thoroughly well up in the Masonic work, and blunders are rarely seen. The lodge is flourishing. There is a good average attendance, the Secretary keeps the books in a good, model manner, and new life is being infused by the introduction of new and excellent material, and the present prospects of the lodge could scarcely be better.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Carlow : I visited this lodge

on St. John's evening, December 27th, the officers and many members of Maitland Lodge accompanying me. I installed officers of the two lodges, Maitland Lodge, No. 33, and Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, W. Bro. Robt. Park, and V. W. Bro. Humber assisting me. There were 22 members present and 17 visitors. The average attendance is about 15. The lodge dues are well paid up, the books well kept, and the lodge in a most flourishing condition, new members being added at nearly every meeting. The W. M. has his work well in hand, and is ably assisted by his junior officers. This is without doubt one of the most prosperous among the country lodges, each member vying with the other to make a success, and the lodge is noted for its lavish hospitality to visiting brethren.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford: I visited this lodge on February 13th. Right Worshipful Bros. Harding and McLellan, all the officers, and about 40 members were present. This lodge has an average attendance of about 25 members, and is the banner lodge for work done in South Huron District this year, having initiated 14 members. The W. M. conferred the second degree in a masterly manner, and all the officers were perfect in their work. The funds are in an excellent condition, there being a cash balance of nearly \$500. They have a magnificent hall, well furnished, and are most enthusiastic in the work. They have an excellent Secretary, and the books are methodically and neatly kept. After work, we adjourned to a banquet in an adjoining room, where a pleasant time was spent.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg: I visited this lodge March 1st. The W. M. and most of the officers were present. The attendance of members was small, but there were some visiting brethren from Baden, among whom were W. M. Livingston and P. M. Erbaugh. The officers seem to be dilatory in opening as well as in the work. The W. M. conferred the second degree, but the work was not as well done as I should like to see. The officers do not seem to take that interest in the work that one would expect from brethren in their responsible positions. The books were well kept, and reflect great credit upon the Secretary. They entertained me in a most hospitable manner at a banquet in the Queen's Hotel.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: I visited this lodge on March 2nd. Right Worshipful Bros. Harding and McLellan, the W. M., and all the officers and about 50 members and

visitors were present. The lodge was opened up in the three degrees, and the W. M. conferred the third degree upon R. W. Bro. Harding's son. He was the best prepared candidate it has been my lot to hear examined. The W. M., the officers, and especially the J. W., did their work to perfection. The lodge is in a first-class condition, its place of meeting palatial, and its prospects for the future are excellent. The books of the lodge are kept by P. M. A. E. Neal, and are a model for others to go by. I was also entertained at a banquet by this lodge.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden : I visited this lodge March 3rd. The officers and thirty brethren were present. R. W. Bro. McLellan and about ten visiting brethren from Stratford were also present. The lodge was opened up to the third degree, and the W. M. conferred the third in a highly creditable manner. All the officers did their work well. The books are well kept, the Secretary being one of the best in the district. The lodge is noted throughout the district for its hospitality to visiting brethren. I found, after the lodge adjourned, that a banquet awaited me at the hotel, and I learned by experience that they deserve the name of royal entertainers.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth : I visited this lodge on March 6th. The Right Worshipful the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. J. H. Fairlie, the W. M., Rev. J. H. Hodgins, most of the officers, and twenty-seven brethren were present. The W. M. always begins work sharp at half-past seven, and it is to be regretted that other masters do not imitate him. He conferred the second degree in a manner that showed him to be an excellent ritualist. The lodge is in good financial standing, has a splendid room, well furnished, and is adding to its membership. The average attendance is 20. The books are carefully kept ; the Secretary being a first-class man. I was entertained after the lodge closed in the ante-room.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth : I visited this lodge on March 7th. I was accompanied by the W. M. and officers of Maitland Lodge, Goderich. The W. M., the officers and twenty-eight members were present. The W. M. conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner, considering that it was the second time he had done such work. He is ably backed up by some excellent Past Masters. The lodge has an average attendance of fifteen, and its financial condition is good. The books of the lodge are well kept. The visiting brethren were very hospitably entertained.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton : I visited this lodge on

April 7th—the W.M., officers, and brethren present to the number of twenty-seven. The second degree was conferred by I.P.M., R. Heywood, in a very creditable manner. Since then, the W.M. has conferred several degrees, and I am told he has the work well up. The prospects of the lodge are *very* good, adding to their membership at every meeting now. All the members are in good standing. The books are well kept. I was hospitably entertained at the close of the lodge. Clinton brethren know how to do these things.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: I visited this lodge on the 27th April. V.W.P.M. Benedict, the W.M. and most of the officers, with twenty-five brethren, were present. The W.M. opened up to the third degree, and as there was no work, he exemplified the first degree in a very praiseworthy manner. The other officers know their parts well. The average attendance of this lodge is seventeen. The dues are well paid. I was entertained in the leading hotel at the close of the lodge. Visiting brethren are always warmly welcomed in Zurich Lodge.

St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: this lodge meets regularly, has an average attendance of twelve, and a total membership of sixty-eight. The dues are not well paid up, and the membership is not increasing. The Secretary informs me that the prospects are only fair.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell: this lodge meets regularly, has an average attendance of twelve, and a total membership of thirty-seven, with no additions to membership this year. The dues are not well paid, and the Secretary reports that the financial standing and prospects are only fair. He reports that the W.M. can work all the degrees.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan: this lodge meets regularly, has an average attendance of thirteen, and a total membership of sixty-three—a gain of *one* during the year. The members are very much behind in the payment of dues. The Secretary informs me that the prospects of the lodge are not the best. He also states that the W.M. can work all the degrees. I made several attempts to visit this lodge, but could make no arrangements for an emergent meeting at a suitable time.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: this lodge meets regularly, has an average attendance of twelve, and a total membership of forty-six, with additions to membership during the year of two. This lodge has always had the name of being prosperous, and the Secretary informs me that the financial standing and prospects are good. He also states that the W.M. can work

all the degrees. I wished to visit this lodge, but could not arrange for a suitable emergent meeting.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH BECK, D.D.G.M.,

District No. 4.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Masonic District No. 4, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME of Lodge.	LOCATION.	Members.		Degrees conferred			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.							M. M.	Regular.	Emergent.										Total.
33	Maitland . . .	Goderich . . .	79	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	112	2	13	25	\$25 00	21	\$140 00	June 24, '93.	Fair	Excellent	Yes	\$ 400 00	
73	St. James . . .	St. Mary's . .	68	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	0	12	12	.....	22	177 50	July 12, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	1,000 00
84	Clinton . . .	Clinton . . .	62	6	0	6	4	4	2	0	5	0	0	214	8	17	25	.....	5	50 00	June 10, '93	Good	Very g'd	Yes	Yes
133	Leb'n Forest . .	Exeter . . .	73	4	6	4	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	212	2	14	27	.....	6	19 00	Dec. 28, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	350 00
141	Tudor . . .	Mitchell . . .	37	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	12	12	24	.....	11	100 00	Dec., '92	Only fair	Fair	Yes	600 00
144	Tecumseh . . .	Stratford . . .	63	1	0	2	3	0	0	2	5	0	0	213	3	16	32	23 70	11	50 00	Dec. 27, '92.	First class	1st class	Yes	600 00	
154	Irving . . .	Lucan . . .	71	0	0	4	3	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	13	14	13	10 00	30	152 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes	
170	Britannia . . .	Seaford . . .	36	9	2	7	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	14	20	22	20 00	6	49 95	Jan. 1, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Yes	
205	New Donm'n . .	Hensall . . .	46	2	0	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	12	14	17	50 00	9	49 95	Jan. 26, '93.	Good	Very g'd	Yes	Yes	
224	Zurich . . .	Parkhill . . .	46	2	0	3	3	3	1	1	3	1	0	2	9	21	12	84	11	84 25	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Fair	Yes	450 00	
233	Doric . . .	Blyth . . .	46	4	6	3	3	3	1	0	1	4	0	1	12	13	15	15 00	5	106 75	June 24, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	400 00	
303	Blyth . . .	Carlow . . .	51	5	0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	110	17	20 00	23	106 75	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00		
309	Mori'n Star . .	Carlow . . .	71	18	0	14	12	16	5	0	1	0	0	0	13	720	25	10 65	5	56 75	Dec. 27, '92.	Very g'd	Very g'd	Yes	100 00	
318	Wilnot . . .	Baden . . .																								
332	Stratford . . .	Stratford . . .																				\$489 00			Yes	

NORTH HURON, DISTRICT No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

It affords me pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District.

Immediately on my election, I appointed, as District Secretary, W. Bro. Williams, and have visited every lodge in the district. I issued one dispensation,—to St. John's, No. 284, to attend Divine service, and had the pleasure of opening a lodge under the dispensation of the M.W., the Grand Master, at Eden Grove, to be called "Moravian."

I regret that my report of the work and standing of the lodges in this district is incomplete; more than one of the W.Ms are very remiss in making the returns asked for, and for which blanks were sent them; it was only by repeated and peremptory communication that I elicited replies from some, and three are yet in default. The lodges from whose Master I have received no return are: Old Light, No. 184, (Lucknow); Bruce, No. 341, (Tiverton); and Moravian, U.D., (Eden Grove.)

Two of the lodges report no arrears for dues. St. John's, No. 284, and Port Elgin, U.D., are entitled to distinction on this account; the others report arrears from \$4 to \$70. In only four of the lodges do I consider the amount of arrears bears an undue proportion to the membership. The majority of lodges carry a fair amount of insurance.

Speaking generally, the condition of Freemasonry in this district is satisfactory; there has been a substantial gain in membership, and the prospects are bright for the future. Increased interest in some lodges where it formerly languished, exhibits itself, and a healthy spirit pervades the Craft.

Appended hereto is a tabulated statement of the replies I have been able to obtain from the Masters of the lodges in my District.

In nearly every instance in which my official visitation was on the night of the regular meeting, I visited without previous notice, hoping thereby to obtain a better exhibition of the work as ordinarily performed, than would be had, were they aware of my coming. Such a course has its disadvantages as well as its advantages, but on the whole I am well

pleased with the plan adopted. At each lodge visited, the work of opening and closing, calling off and on, and at least one of the degrees was required. With the exception of four lodges, the work of the officers was excellent; the palm for marked excellence I award to Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley, with five others following closely after it. Of the four excepted lodges, the work of two is decidedly inferior, and the work of the other two may justly be classed as "fair." Taken as a whole, the district compares favorably with any other. If greater attention were paid to the private member, and his share in the ceremonies, it would be of advantage to the work; in some lodges the impression seems to be prevalent that if the officers do their work well, that is all that is required; whereas I have been pained to see the excellent work of the officers marred by the way in which the rank and file have performed their part.

Subjoined are found my notes on my official visits:—

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: Visited this lodge 20th March, at an emergent meeting; 18 members present. The condition is unsatisfactory; the W.M. is barely able to open and close in the three degrees, and his own statement is my warrant for the assertion that he is not able to work the degrees. In common with others of the lodge, he labors under the disadvantage that his occupation (fishing), prevents his enjoying the opportunities of lodge work except during the winter months. The selection of Secretary seems to have been particularly unfortunate, as the duties of that important and responsible office are not discharged in the manner they should. "Illness" was the reason assigned for his absence on the occasion of my visit. The requirements of the Constitution respecting the information that must appear on the summons announcing a ballot are disregarded, and the notices of meeting are frequently sent out too late, in one instance only five days' notice of the ballot was given. A candidate was initiated the evening of my visit. V. Wor. Bro. Nokes, P.M., occupying the East, performed the ceremony in a manner creditable to himself, and, with a little brushing up on modern methods, he will rank among the best workers of the district; the subordinate officers acquitted themselves fairly well. The desire to learn exhibited by the brethren present, and the prospect of new material likely to be permanent and regular attendants, give me hope, that, notwithstanding a large number of the members are necessarily absent a great portion of the year from lodge, a bright future is in store for St. Lawrence. Two note-

worthy points in connection with this lodge's work are the rigid examination to which visitors are subjected, and the enthusiastic interest, which, under the discouraging circumstances existing, V. W. Bro. Nokes retains in the work. His example might well be followed by several of the old members who are seldom seen within the lodge walls.

Port Elgin, U. D.: Was visited on 21st March, at an emergent meeting, fourteen members present and four visitors. W. Bro. Paterson was in the East, and all the officers were present with the exception of the Secretary, Bro. Nicoll, who had shortly before removed from Port Elgin and has taken up his residence in Wingham. Regarding the work of this brother, as well as that of his successor, Bro. Miller, I wish to express my commendation of the way in which they understand and perform the duties of the office. A candidate received the 2nd degree, the work of the evening was performed in a very satisfactory manner, and the membership generally evince interest in the work and tenets of the Order. The prospects of Masonry are bright in Port Elgin.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: On 22nd March I visited this lodge. A few things operate against the progress of this lodge. The room in which they meet is not all that the brethren desire, and is not at all suitable, to obtain a better one at a moderate rent is not possible; the Secretary at times is remiss in the discharge of the duties of the office; business responsibilities seem to be the cause of his lack of attention, but with all charity and consideration for a hard-worked brother, I do think that the provisions of the constitution should be observed and more than three days' notice of a ballot given. In consequence of the resignation, on removal from this jurisdiction, of the W.M. installed last year, W. Bro. Brown had only shortly before my visit assumed the duties of the East, still his familiarity with the ritual of the 3rd degree, which was exemplified, shewed that he had not forgotten his cunning: a little correction of the text in accordance with modern work is all that is needed to make him an accurate W. M. He is blessed with a goodly sprinkling of young blood in his lodge, and the work of the assistant officers was very good. I feel satisfied that were there better accommodation for their meetings, substantial and rapid progress would be made.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: An emergent meeting was called for 23rd March, when I visited officially; there were present twenty-two members of the lodge and seven visitors. The lodge-room is a very bright and commodious one,

well furnished and lighted by electricity. The regular officers were in their chairs, and in addition to routine work exemplified the 1st degree. I was pleased with the way in which they worked : in the incumbency of the present tenant of the East, he has had no actual work to keep him in practice, and he informed me it was the first time he attempted to work the degree. It was well done, and I was also pleased to learn that many of those who have had all the honors that their lodge could bestow, are still among the most enthusiastic and regular in attendance. V. W. Bro. Green is an efficient Secretary, his books are well kept, and he looks after the dues and their collection actively.

Moravian Lodge, U.D. : A dispensation being granted by the M. W. the Grand Master to hold a lodge at Eden Grove, I, assisted by R. W. Bros. Martyn and Telford, P.D.D.G.M's., proceeded, on 24th March, to open the lodge, and bid the brethren God-speed. Their room is suitable for their requirements and neatly furnished, regalia also has been provided. The future of this lodge will depend on the faithful attendance of a few members ; their territory is circumscribed and they cannot expect to be very numerous. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, the granting of a dispensation was a politic move, and the alacrity with which the brethren of Aldworth Lodge responded with their consent to a dispensation being granted, reflects credit on them and stamps them as Masons having the best interests of the Craft at heart.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow : I visited this lodge on the night of its regular meeting, 30th March ; there were nineteen members and four visitors present. They have a neat room, a little too far from the centre of the village to be as convenient as the brethren desire. My visit was a complete surprise to the W.M., having sent the Secretary notice of my intention only three days before, and the W.M. residing in the country, he had no intimation of my visitation prior to seeing me in the ante-room. He was evidently very nervous, and in consequence did not show to as good advantage in his work as I know he is capable of doing. In fact nearly everyone who took part in the work got "rattled." The presence of the gold lace of Grand Lodge, even though it be tarnished, seems to have a most bewildering effect on the memories of the brethren, especially the younger officers. I have observed its effect at every lodge visited, to a greater or less degree, and I am not prepared to accept the work seen at this visitation as a fair sample of the work they usually do ; they generally work

well. The Secretary, W. Bro. Tennant, performs his duties as they should be, books well kept and notices regularly issued.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362, Tara : I visited the brethren on their regular meeting on 24th April ; 23 members present. The meeting was delayed by the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Wilson, who had been unexpectedly called to see a patient, and did not return till nearly 10 p.m. The routine work of opening and closing, calling off and on, was undertaken by a P.M. The way in which it was performed, showed that even in Tara, brothers, once well-skilled, can get very "rusty." On W. Bro. Wilson's return the third degree was conferred, R. W. Bro. Bruce and W. Bro. Macdonald assisting in the East. The character of the whole work was good, though at times departure occurred from the phraseology accepted as the approved formula. The Wor. Master's manner of delivery is impressive, and the assistant officers are well-skilled. I was somewhat surprised that the Wardens were unacquainted with the use of their columns ; one of them stated he did not know what they were for, and he had never received any information as to their use.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton : On 25th April this lodge was visited ; this was its regular meeting ; 21 members were present. The J. W. was there, but did not occupy his post, his chair being filled by Bro. W.J. Ferguson. The place could not have been filled better, but I prefer seeing how the regular officers do their work. V. Wor. Bro. Walmsley makes a good Secretary, and his books are well kept. The third degree was worked the night of my visit in good style. The W. M., Bro. Gilbert, is an enthusiast, and endeavors to get as near the mark as possible. With attention to a few minor departures from the true work, excellent work can be done by this lodge.

Forest Lodge, No. 383, Chesley : Visited officially 26th April ; 21 members present, also four visitors, among whom I was pleased to meet again Bro. Start, S.W. of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 362. The work of the first degree was exemplified by the regular officers of the lodge, W. Bro. Goodeve, I.P.M., presenting the working tools. Of their work I have nothing but praise to express ; it is as near perfection as can be expected, and the conduct of the members in the lodge room showed that in the endeavor after perfection in ritual, the "full private" had not been forgotten. Frequently the officers of a lodge are all that could be expected, but the ordinary member is not up to the mark. This is not the case in Forest.

The duties of Secretary are performed by W. Bro. Mickle in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: Was visited at its regular meeting 27th April, when a candidate was initiated. There were twelve members present and one visitor. The work was done in a satisfactory manner, and the general character of the ordinary work shows that attention is paid to the work of the private member as well as to the officer's. A purely "country" lodge, and therefore not having the facilities for practice, it compares very favorably with more pretentious lodges. The Secretary, however, must improve upon his manner of discharging his duties. Among the more reprehensible irregularities are the disregard of the constitutional requirements preliminary to passing the ballot, and the short time the notices are sent out prior to a meeting; on more than one occasion these were sent out on the day of meeting of which they were the notices, and on one of these a ballot was announced to be had.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: Was visited on 28th April; ten members and eight visitors. The absence of both the S.W. and J.W., and the filling of their chairs by two members of other lodges, one of whom is a very young Craftsman, did not give me a fair opportunity of judging of the work of this lodge. A brother received the second degree, and W. Bro. Chapman, although hampered by the imperfect assistance of his officers, did his work in a very fair manner; his rendering of the ritual at times conformed to the older formula rather than to modern work. The Secretary is a young member, and with a little more experience will make a good officer. The absence of the Wardens is to be regretted; the J. W. is a physician, and his duties as such must at times interfere with his attendance, but the register shows it to be his first absence since installation, whereas the record of the S.W., with no such excuse for absence, is six meetings in succession absent. This lack of interest is to be the more regretted, as it will require the active co-operation of all the members to prevent a return to dormancy. W. Bro. Chapman feels the evil effects of the half-hearted support his officers give, but bravely tries to supply their defection. But for his enthusiasm, the prospects of Masonry in Teeswater would be "blue" indeed.

St. John's, No. 284, Brussels: At an emergent meeting held 2nd May, accompanied by R. W. Martyn and W. Bro. Williams, my District Secretary, I paid an official visit to this lodge. The regular officers occupied their places, and the F.C.

degree was conferred. The work of this lodge is excellent, and the floor work of the S.D. is specially worthy of note. The Past Masters of St. John's take a great interest in the work, and that, with the efficient work done by the Secretary, V. Wor. Bro. Shaw, contributes much to make St. John's Lodge one of the best in the district.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter : On its regular meeting, 29th May, I, accompanied by several brethren from Wingham, visited the lodge. There were forty-six of the Craft present, including a very fair contingent from Teeswater. Three candidates were initiated, the ceremony being performed in a manner highly creditable to the officers of Forest Lodge. The W.M., W. Bro. Elliott, was assisted in the work of the East by Wor. Bros. Ireland and Williams. The books are regularly and neatly kept, and the prospects of this lodge are of the brightest. This lodge stands well towards the front for correct work.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton : Was visited 30th May. I was accompanied from Kincardine by R. W. Bro. Martyn, and three other members of Northern Light Lodge. Exemplification of the third degree was given, but several of the subordinate officers, although present, were not in their chairs,—a fact of which I was not cognizant until too late to request them to resume their posts. I am, therefore, not in a position to speak of the work of the officers as a whole. The W.M., Wor. Bro. Chambers, is well up in his work, but the others will bear improvement. Attention should be given to "team" work, as distinguished from the individual effort of one officer. The financial management of the lodge and the records are well looked after by the respective officers having charge of these departments of work.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine : On the regular meeting in June, I visited this lodge. There were thirty-nine present, principally the members of the lodge, only one or two being visitors. The first degree was the one exemplified, and the way in which it was done was very good, all of those taking part in the ceremony performing their work in a highly creditable manner. The books are kept in an exemplary manner, and numerically and financially this lodge leads the district. The prestige of the lodge is losing nothing under the rule of Wor. Bro. Cooke, its present efficient and enthusiastic W.M.

Wingham Lodge, No. 286, Wingham : On the evening of the 27th of June I dropped in on this lodge, and informed

them that I was there officially to inspect their work. Although a member of this lodge, I was astonished to find that they got decidedly "rattled" by my presence, and, were it not that I have had ample opportunity on other occasions to judge of what the present staff can do, I should be compelled to withhold praise as underserved. The work in this lodge is ordinarily well done, all the officers being well skilled in their duties, and entering with enthusiasm into the affairs of the lodge. The lodge-room has been lately renewed, and is a very commodious and pleasant room, and well adapted for efficient work in the degrees.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: I completed my official visitations by meeting the brethren of Bernard Lodge, in their beautiful lodge-room, on their regular meeting, 28th June, when a most enjoyable and profitable session was held. Among the many lodges of this district that are entitled to be reported as capable of doing good work, this lodge is not the least deserving of mention; the work of the officers is excellent, and with a little more attention on the part of the private members to their manner of doing their part, would cause the premier working lodge of the district to look well to their laurels. On the occasion of my visit I was especially pleased to see the interest which the Past Masters evince in the affairs of the lodge. In some of the other lodges I was sorry to note a disposition on the part of those who had enjoyed all the honors that could be bestowed upon them by their lodge, to grow neglectful in attendance, rusty in their work, and out of touch with those who are endeavoring to make their lodge what it should be. W Bro. Foster, as the chief executive officer, maintains the reputation of Bernard Lodge for good work, in which he is ably assisted by the other officers of the lodge. Of the way in which the records are kept, the best encomium that I can offer is the statement that I find nothing to suggest. The able and enthusiastic assistance of R. W. Bro. Campbell, who must be regarded as one of the most ardent of its members, has had much to do in the development of the *esprit de corps* which pervades Bernard Lodge.

On the 6th July, I convened a Lodge of Instruction at the Masonic Hall, Wingham, when a goodly number of the Craft (including R. W. Bro. Martyn) were present, representatives of seven lodges in the southern part of the district. The third degree was exemplified by W. Bro. A. C. Dames, and the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 284; the second degree by W. Bro. A. G. McGregor and officers of Wingham Lodge, No. 286.

and the first degree by W Bro. J. C. Cooke and officers of Northern Light Lodge, No. 98. I cannot speak too highly of the admirable manner in which all of the degrees were presented, and the respective teams have cause to be proud of their effort. Care and attention in the minutest details were apparent, and the brethren in attendance are under obligation to the three teams for the careful exposition of correct work to which they were treated. To prevent that unseemly and somewhat heated discussion observed at some previous Lodges of Instruction, all verbal criticism of the work was suppressed, and observations were required to be placed in writing, and at the close of the exemplification of each degree, these comments—usually in the form of questions—were submitted to a board of advisers, composed of the W. M's. present, R W. Bro. Martyn and myself, who, instead of attempting to dispose of the questions and comments offhand, considered them carefully while the lodge was called off, and on the resumption of labor, the result of our deliberations was announced. The results attained by this course are such as to warrant me in recommending its adoption by others.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. A. MORTON, D.D.G.M.,
North Huron District, No. 5

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table showing the work done in North Huron District, No. 5, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Total No. of all Members.	Degree's conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of mem'rs.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
93	Nor. Light.	Kincardine	107	1	108	6	7	6	2	1	1	5		2	14	8	22	33	155 26	4	\$0 00	Dec. '92	Good	Al	Yes	\$2000 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	39	2	41	3	8	6	1	5	4			1	8	4	12	15	\$25 00	11	88 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Fair	No	600 00
162	Forest	Wroxeter	41	3	44	5	4	6							13	2	15	15			Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	200 00	
184	Old Light	Lucknow	49	5	54	1	1	1							12	1	13	13		3	42 25	June 24, '93.	Good	Fair	Yes	400 00
197	Saugeen	Waukegon	71	14	85	2	2	1	2	6	1			2	13	6	19	18	104 47	5	40 25	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Bright	Yes	800 00
225	Bernard	Listowel	41	3	44	2	2	1	1	1	7			1	14	1	15	12		1	47 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	None
235	Aldworth	Falsley	41	3	44	2	2	1	1	1	1				13	5	18	20		no answer		Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Very g'd	Yes	None
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	29	6	35	5	5	3	1	1	6				12	3	15	19				Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
284	St. John's	Brussels	51	3	54	4	5	1	2						12	1	13	19			4 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	None
286	Wingham	Wingham	45	5	50	9	6	1							12	0	12	14		15	57 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Low	Good	Yes	200 00
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	30	1	31	1	2	2							12	0	12	14				Dec. 27, '92.	Medium	Fair	Yes	Yes
341	Bruce	Tiverton	48	1	49	2	2	2							13	13	14	10	20 00	12	50 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
364	Maple Leaf.	Tara	27	2	29	1	2	1	1	2					13	5	18	10		no report		June 24, '93.	1st class	Yes	300 00	
393	Forest	Chesley	45	6	51	5	4	1							11	1	12	20	25 00	6	33 00	June 24, '93.	Bright	Yes	None	None
396	Cedar	Warton	52	6	58	7	6	5							113	11	24	114				Dec. 27, '92.	\$80 00	Bright	Yes	None
U. D.	Port Elgin.	Port Elgin	28	12	40	7	6	6	5						113	11	24	114				Dec. 27, '92.	\$3 69	Bright	Yes	None
U. D.	Moravian.	Eden Grove.																								

* A return was received on July 6, 1893, but it was obviously incorrect

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to present to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in Wilson District, No. 6.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. W. P. Kelly, of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, District Secretary ; I also issued a circular letter to all the lodges in the district. I have visited all the lodges in the district, excepting Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, and St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll. I did not think it necessary to visit two lodges in either Woodstock or Ingersoll, as it is well known that the brethren of these lodges stand in the front as skilful workmen.

Oriental Lodge, No. 184, Port Burwell : I visited this lodge on November 1st, 1892, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P.G.R. The brethren received us in the true spirit of Masonry. As the evening was rainy and disagreeable, the attendance was not large—fifteen brethren were at the meeting. We had work in the E. A. degree. W. Bro. Davidson is a master workman. He was ably assisted by the Wardens, and other officers. The lodge is doing very well. The brethren are enterprising and look well after the interest of the lodge ; they own the building. We had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Burwell, one of the pillars of the lodge, who is highly esteemed ; also, Bro. Backus, who is greatly respected by the brethren. The Secretary deserves praise for his good work.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna : An emergent meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the D. D. G. M., on November 2nd, 1892. There was no work to be done. The Worshipful Master opened and closed in the three degrees, and is a very fair worker. The work of the Wardens and officers was also very good. The hall is owned by the lodge. This lodge will compare favorably with others in the district, although the place is small. They have a good membership, and the true spirit of Masonry prevails amongst them. The Secretary is well up in his work and deserves great praise. The brethren received me with the greatest kindness and consideration, and my visit will be remembered with pleasure. After the lodge was closed we had an excellent supper on the premises, and spent a very pleasant time indeed.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria : I visited this lodge on

December 2nd, 1892, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P.G.R. ; W. Bro. W. P. Kelley, District Secretary ; and Bro. Frank Reid, Worshipful Master-elect of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe. Vittoria Lodge is an off-shoot from Norfolk Lodge. The brethren received us very kindly—W. Bro. Pow in the chair. There was no work in the degrees. The business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing year. This is a very prosperous lodge, as the brethren are enterprising and have the best interest of the Craft and their lodge at heart. W. Bro. Pow and the officers are well up in the work. We had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Wm. Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M., a member of this lodge—a brother greatly beloved and respected by the brethren. The lodge-room is very neatly furnished, and the building in which it is situated is the property of the lodge. There is a small debt on the building, which the members hope to wipe off in a short time. The membership of the lodge is 39. The number of brethren at the meeting, including visitors, was 33. The brethren of Vittoria and Norfolk Lodges are almost as one.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe—my mother lodge : I had the great pleasure and privilege of installing the officers of this lodge on December 27th, 1892—Festival of St. John the Evangelist. There was a large attendance of the brethren, about seventy being present. The lodge-room is commodious, handsomely furnished, and comfortably ventilated. This is one of the pioneer lodges of the Province, and in the past has done a great work in the interest of the Craft. The first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada was made in this lodge, and at the time of his death was a member of it. I refer to the late M. W. Bro. Judge Wm. M. Wilson. Norfolk Lodge has a very interesting history, as it dates back to the war of 1812 between Great Britain and the United States. After the lodge was closed, a banquet was given at Bro. L. Brady's hotel—"The Norfolk House." Norfolk Lodge is doing very well, considering its surroundings—its jurisdiction not exceeding three miles from the town limits. W. Bro. Wyatt S. Wood is a well-skilled and talented Master. The Wardens and officers are well up in their work. W. Bro. W. P. Kelley, the Secretary, has no superior,—he is one of the fathers of the lodge. W. Bro. Frank Reid, the newly installed W. M., is a bright Mason, and will make a skilful workman. I may say the same of the Wardens and officers.

Scotland Lodge, No. 191, Scotland : I received a kind invitation from W. Bro. J. W. Eddy, to visit his lodge on Decem-

ber 29th, 1892, and install the officers. W. Bro. Eddy being an old friend, I considered it a great compliment, and accepted the kind invitation. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, P. G. R. We received a kind and fraternal welcome from the brethren. W. Bro. Eddy occupied the chair. I did not have the pleasure of seeing any work done in the degrees. I was informed, however, by the brethren that the W. M. and officers are good workmen. The lodge is large and handsomely furnished. I assumed the chair and the gavel, opened the lodge in the second degree and installed the W. M. elect, W. Bro. Hooker, and the officers in the usual form. I had the great pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Hay, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a member of Scotland Lodge—a father in the Craft and greatly beloved by the brethren. I may say further of this R. W. Brother that he received his first call as pastor of the Congregational Church in Scotland 55 years ago, and still remains its pastor. I also had the pleasure of meeting my old friend V. W. Bro. Fred. Miles, of Burford Lodge, and other visiting brethren. After lodge, a fine banquet was held at Bro. Young's Hotel. The number of brethren at lodge and banquet was 50.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: I visited this lodge on January 25th, 1893, when I received a cordial greeting from my old friend W. Bro. Massecar, and the brethren. I am personally acquainted with most of the brethren in Waterford, and always feel at home when I visit Wilson Lodge. I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the current year. The W. M. and officers are well up in their work. This is one of the best lodges in the district. The members had the misfortune a few years ago of losing their beautiful lodge room by fire; but, possessing push and enterprise, they are now in a new home, which is a fine, large hall, elegantly furnished and a credit to the Craft. The brethren have the true spirit of Masonry among them and must prosper. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bros. Hooker, Eddy and Winegarden, Bro. W. L. Smith, and others, from Scotland Lodge. After the lodge was closed, a banquet was given at W. Bro. Teeter's Hotel, when an enjoyable evening was spent. I believe that Wilson Lodge has a bright future.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: I visited this lodge on January 26th, 1893. The brethren gave me a warm welcome. W. Bro. Pearsall occupied the chair. Work was exemplified in the First Degree, there being two candidates.

The work of the W. M. and officers was most efficient. One of the newly made brethren is a son of the esteemed Secretary of the lodge W. Bro. James Ryan, who with pleasure witnessed the ceremony. It speaks well for Masonry when we see the son following in the father's footsteps. A few years ago the light in this lodge had nearly gone out. The brethren have done remarkably well during the last few years— they have put new life into the lodge, and it is now, considering the size of the place, one of the best lodges in the Wilson District. They are determined to prosper in the future. The lodge room is large, and the building in which it is situated is undergoing general repairs, and when completed will be a credit to the brethren. The building is the property of the lodge. After the lodge was closed, refreshments were served on the premises and a very pleasant time was spent in social enjoyment.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: I paid an official visit to this lodge on January 30th, 1893, accompanied by W. Bro. W. P. Kelley, District Secretary. The brethren gave us a true Masonic welcome to the lodge. Work in the E. A. degree. W. Bro. Fossett in the chair. There were two candidates. The work was well done by the W.M. and W. Bro. Vasy, ably assisted by the wardens and officers. Notwithstanding the night was very stormy, there was a good attendance. Erie Lodge is doing well, and adding to its numbers. It has a neat, well furnished and comfortable lodge room. The brethren are enthusiastic, and the lodge is prospering. After the meeting of the lodge, refreshments were served in the refreshment room.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: I visited this lodge on February 27th, 1893. The brethren received me with great kindness and consideration. W. Bro. Wood occupied the chair and work was exemplified in the first and third degrees. The W. M., Wardens, and officers did their work remarkably well, considering the short time they had been in office. I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Chrysler, I. P. M., who is always at lodge to support and encourage the W.M. and brethren. Bro. E. Morgan is a model secretary, and his department is in good order. The lodge room is well furnished and a credit to Frederick Lodge. It has a good membership, which is increasing in number.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: I made my official visit to this lodge on March 1st, 1893. There was a good turnout to greet me, W. Bro. Stevens in the chair. There being no work, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees.

The W. M. being new in the work discharged his duties with credit, I may say the same of all the officers. Bro. A. D. Muir, the Secretary, is the right man in the right place. I had the great pleasure of meeting my esteemed friend V. W. Bro. Fred. Miles, a model Mason, and a pillar in Burford Lodge. We spent a very enjoyable evening in the lodge. They have a large and beautiful lodge room, which is splendidly furnished, and own the building. Burford Lodge is doing well; it has a long roll of members, and is adding to its numbers. After lodge, a fine banquet was given at the hotel. We had a very enjoyable time. My visit to Burford Lodge will be remembered with great pleasure.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich: I made my official visit to this lodge on March 8th, 1893. A large number of brethren welcomed me. W. Bro. McCurdy occupied the chair. The Fellow-Crafts' degree was worked. The W. M. is a skilful workman, and is second to none in the Wilson District. I may say the same of the wardens and officers generally. The candidate was well instructed and is a credit to the lodge and himself. St. John's has a large and pleasant lodge room, which is well furnished and equipped in every way. Financially, the lodge is in good shape. The members appear to have the true spirit of Masonry amongst them. The members entertained me at a banquet, and were kind and courteous.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: I visited this lodge on March 30th, 1893, and witnessed the W. M. confer the third degree. The officers acquitted themselves very creditably. The lodge room is well furnished and comfortable. There was a good turnout of the brethren at the time of my visit. The lodge is increasing in membership; the Craft looks well in this place, and the prospects are good.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville: I visited this lodge on March 31st, 1893. The brethren gave me a kind and fraternal greeting. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. Bristow. There was no work in the degrees. We had a pleasant talk with reference to Craft matters, and, from what I saw and heard, the brethren are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry. They have a comfortable lodge room, a good membership, and are adding to their numbers. I was greatly pleased with the brethren of Plattsville. After the meeting a banquet was held at the hotel, and an enjoyable evening was spent. This lodge must prosper, as its members take a great interest in the ancient and honorable institution.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: I visited this lodge

on April 7th, 1893. There was a good turnout of the members of the lodge, also brethren from Woodstock, Innerkip, and Burford. W. Bro. Patton occupied the chair. After the regular order of business, W. Bro. Stevens, W.M. of Burford Lodge, was requested to assume the chair and gavel, and confer the Entered Apprentice degree, which he did in a very able manner. The lodge was opened in the Master Mason degree, W. Bro. Patton in the chair. He gave the third degree in a masterly manner, being ably assisted by the wardens and officers of the lodge. The brethren are in their new lodge room, which is very comfortable and well furnished. The membership is increasing, and the lodge has good prospects in the future. After the meeting, a banquet was held at Bro. Stroud's hotel, when an enjoyable evening was spent.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: An official visit to this lodge was made on April 25th, 1893. I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Fred. Miles. The chair was occupied by W. Bro. A. W. Painey. I had the pleasure of hearing the W. M. exemplify the first degree. He is a fine worker, and a credit to St. John's Lodge. The work of the wardens and officers was perfect in every particular. They have a large and handsome lodge room, well furnished and equipped. There was a large attendance of the brethren, also several visiting brethren from Princeton. This is one of the pioneer lodges which did a good work in the interest of the Craft in the early days of Masonry in this country. This lodge is flourishing and is in good financial standing. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. P. H. Cox, P. D. D. G. M., Wilson District; also W. Bro. Foley, an old friend of my boyhood. After the meeting an elegant banquet was given at the hotel, when we had a very enjoyable time. My visit to St. John's Lodge will be treasured as one of the brightest spots in my Masonic life.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 48, Woodstock: I visited this lodge on May 2nd, 1893, in company with Bros. M. C. Brown and T. R. Atkinson, of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe. The brethren received us with the greatest kindness. This was a union meeting, as I requested the brethren of Oxford Lodge, No. 76, to meet me at the time of my visit to King Solomon Lodge. The attendance was very large. I was pleased to see a large gathering of Past Masters. I also had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. W. A. Karn, Worshipful Master of Oxford Lodge. The Woodstock lodges meet in the same hall, which is the largest and one of the finest in Wilson District. The brethren appear to work together almost as one lodge, and

with the true spirit of Masonry. Work was exemplified in the first degree, W. Bro. T. E. West in the chair. I was much pleased with the efficient work of the W. Master, Wardens and officers. Financially, the lodge is in a good position. W. Bro. Fraser, the Secretary, is a host in himself; his department is in fine order, and the lodge owes its eminent success in a great measure to his good work. Oxford Lodge has a large membership, and is doing a good work in the interest of Masonry under the able management of W. Bro. Karn. A fine banquet was given on the premises after the meeting, when we had a pleasant and enjoyable evening. My visit to the Woodstock brethren will be remembered with pleasure.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll: I made my official visit to this lodge on May 5th, 1893. The brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 68, met me at this time by request. We had a union meeting, similar to the one held in Woodstock. I was greeted by a large assembly of the brethren. I was pleased to see a large number of Past Masters, and among them R. W. Bro. M. Walsh, who is greatly esteemed by the brethren of Wilson District. W. Bro. Vance occupied the chair. The first degree was exemplified. The work of the W. M. was well done. He was ably assisted and supported by the Wardens and officers. W. Bro. Hegler, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, also took part in the work. Both lodges in Ingersoll meet in the same hall. I may safely say it is the most beautiful lodge-room in this district, being handsomely decorated, furnished, and equipped. King Hiram Lodge is doing well; it is one of the pioneer lodges, and has a very interesting history. I was very much pleased with the musical part of the ceremony. Bro. Organist of King Hiram Lodge, is a master musician, and the part he takes adds greatly to the beautiful work done in the lodge. I was pleased to see the brotherly feeling that exists in the lodges in Ingersoll. After the lodge closed, refreshments were served on the premises, and a pleasant evening was passed.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip: I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on May 25th, 1893. The brethren gave me a kind and fraternal reception. Although the village is small, this lodge is doing well; the brethren are zealous and earnest Masons, which accounts for their success. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified, W. Bro. John McFarlane in the chair. The work of the W. M., Wardens, and officers was very good. They have a very good lodge-room, comfortably furnished, and own the building in which it is situated.

ed. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge, also visiting brethren from Woodstock, Princeton, and Platts-ville. W. Bro Mitchell, I.P.M., was at the lodge as usual, to support and encourage the W. M. and brethren. He does not lose his interest, after having all the honors the lodge can confer upon him. I was pleased to meet again V. W. Bro. Scarff, W. Bro. West, W. Bro. Fraser, and W. Bro. McIntosh, of Woodstock ; also W. Bro. Henderson, of Platts-ville. We had a very pleasant meeting. A banquet was given at the hotel after the meeting, where we spent a pleasant and profitable evening in social enjoyment. My visit to Oak Branch Lodge will be remembered with great pleasure.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg : I visited this lodge on June 8th, 1893, in company with Bro. T. W. Butler, of Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe. An emergent meeting was called at my request. A large number of brethren were present, also several visiting brethren from Vienna Lodge. The chair was ably occupied by W. Bro. J. McDonald. The Master Mason Degree was worked. It was done in a masterly manner. The lodge-room is commodious, well furnished, and handsomely equipped. This is one of the best lodges in Wilson District, as the brethren are alive and at work in its interest. I am pleased to say the lodge is in good financial standing. I had the great pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Wm. McDonald, P.D.D.G.M., of Wilson District, a member of King Hiram Lodge, and one of the best Masons that I ever had the privilege of meeting. He is highly respected and esteemed by the brethren throughout the Wilson District. He takes a great interest in the success of his lodge, and this in a great measure accounts for the success of King Hiram Lodge. After the meeting a splendid banquet was given at Bro John Hutchinson's hotel. The fraternal consideration I received from the brethren of Tilsonburg will be treasured in my memory with gratitude.

I granted a dispensation to Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover, to enable them to attend Divine service, clothed as Masons, on Sunday, April 30th, 1893.

In conclusion, I wish to express my high appreciation of the great honor conferred upon me by the brethren of Wilson District in unanimously electing me to my present position. I have only to remark that wherever I have gone throughout the district, I have met with the most generous welcome from each and every lodge, and I ask the brethren, in whatever they see I have failed, to extend to me the benefit of their Masonic

charity, and believe that I have tried to do my best to forward the interest of the Craft in general. I cannot close without expressing my warmest thanks to W. Bro. W. P. Kelley, District Secretary, for the able assistance which he has rendered me throughout the year, and the faithful discharge of his duties. I owe a large portion of the success which has attended my efforts during the year to his advice and assistance.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. G. WELLS,

D. D. G. M. Wilson District, No. 6.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Wilson District, No. 6, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Memberships.		Total No. of all members.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		Degrees confr'd.		Affiliations.		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of memb'rs.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance
			Membership.	Confr'd.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																	
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	70	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	144 50	10	\$150	10 June 24, '93	Fair	.....	Yes	\$600 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	20 00	24	148 00	June 24, '93	Fair	.....	Yes	Furn'te Fully'in
43	King Solomon	Woodstock	97	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	20 00	24	112 00	June 24, '93	Good	.....	Yes	1,000 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	70	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	67 50	20	10 00	Dec. 27, '92	Good	.....	Yes	500 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	115	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	50 00	7	88 10	June 24, '93	Sound	.....	Yes	200 00
82	St. John's	Paris	49	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	60 00	17	110 00	June 24, '93	Good	.....	Yes	2,500 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	89	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	20 00	15	90 00	Dec. 27, '92	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
106	Burford	Burford	79	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	100 00	10	80 00	June 24, '92	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	71	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	100 00	10	80 00	Dec. 27, '92	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	68	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	100 00	10	80 00	Dec. 27, '92	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
149	Erie	Port Dover	49	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	100 00	10	80 00	Dec. 27, '92	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	50	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	100 00	8	39 50	Dec. 27, '92	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
178	Plattsville	Plattsville	40	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	100 00	8	39 50	Dec. 27, '92	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	33	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	60 00	8	35 50	June 24, '93	Fair	.....	Yes	600 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	43	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	15 00	6	35 50	June 24, '93	Good	.....	Yes	600 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	No return																	18					Yes	600 00
237	Vienna	Vienna	38	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	20 00	9	73 81	Dec. 27, '92	N't v'ry g'd	Yes	Yes	800 00
261	Oak Branch	Inniskip	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	20 00	2	8 50	June 24, '93	Good	Yes	Yes	800 00
352	Victoria	Victoria	37																	18		2			Yes	Yes	800 00

Return from King Hiram, No. 78, Tilsonburg, and Thistle, No. 250, Embro, not received.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present to you the following report upon the condition of the Craft in the Seventh Masonic District :—

During the year I have visited every lodge in the district, and find them in a fairly prosperous condition. Many of the lodges have made substantial progress during the year. I found, during my visits, that one great trouble in nearly all lodges is small attendance. I have urged, to the best of my power, a better observance of this duty on the brethren. I regret to say that very few of the lodges respond to the D. D. G. M., by sending him the regular notices of meeting, even after having been written to. My official visits were made in the following order :

Preston Lodge, No. 297 : I visited this lodge on Sept. 2nd. W. Bro. Fischer conferred the first degree in a very impressive manner, but the rest of the officers were not very well posted. I again visited this lodge May 31st ; there was no work. Election of officers : The lodge was opened in the three degrees in a very creditable manner ; the attendance was small ; books well kept ; dues well collected ; prospects not very good.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172 : Visited this lodge Oct. 4th. There was no work ; officers not well posted ; attendance small. The lodge-room is very comfortable, and the lodge in good circumstances, but the prospects are poor.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258 : Visited this lodge Nov. 8th. The W. M. being absent, the chair was filled by the P. M., who opened in the three degrees in good style. Officers are all well posted ; books well kept ; financial standing fair ; attendance good ; prospects are not very good ; want of harmony. Average attendance, 24.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151 : Visited this lodge Dec. 13th. There being no work, the W. M. opened the lodge in the three degrees in fine style. Officers are all posted. Visited this lodge again, June 14th. The W. M. conferred the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. Officers well posted ; books beautifully kept ; lodge in good circumstances ; prospects very good. Average attendance, 18.

Galt Lodge, No. 257 : Visited this lodge Dec. 27th, and in-

stalled the officers. Visited the lodge again, March 7th. The W. M. conferred the third degree to my entire satisfaction. Officers are all well posted ; books well kept ; lodge in good circumstances. Average attendance, 16.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 295 : Visited this lodge Jan. 3rd, and installed the officers. Lodge-room very comfortable ; attendance small. W.M. Flath very enthusiastic, and will do all that is possible to get the lodge into good shape.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262 : Visited this lodge Feb. 13th. W. Bro. P. M. McLellan conferred the third degree in a satisfactory manner, but the other officers were only fairly well posted. A large number in arrears for dues. I urged on them very strongly to take action at once, and to suspend all who do not pay up. Fine lodge-room ; circumstances and prospects fair.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315 : Visited this lodge February 20th ; there was no work. W. M. Dewar opened in the three degrees, and shewed that all were well posted. Lodge-room comfortable. Lodge in fair circumstances, and prospects fair. Attendance, small.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200 : Visited this lodge February 24th ; the W. M. conferred the first degree in a very satisfactory manner, and the officers are all well posted. W. Bro. Kilgour is an enthusiastic Mason, and has done a great deal for this lodge in working it up to its present fine position. I regret to say that they meet in a room in connection with another society. I called their attention to this matter, and they informed me that they had already made arrangements to have a room for themselves, which they hope to occupy next September. They are in good financial standing, and their prospects are very good. Average attendance, eighteen.

Harris Lodge, No. 216 : Visited this lodge February 28th. W. Bro. Irvine conferred the 2nd and 3rd degrees in a very satisfactory manner, and all the officers are well posted. This is the largest lodge in the district, and both members and officers seem to take a hearty interest in the work. They are in first-class financial circumstances, and the books are well kept. Average attendance, thirty-three.

Scott Lodge, No. 421 : Visited this lodge March 1st. The W.M. conferred the 3rd degree in a very creditable manner, but the other officers were not very well posted. Both the W.M. and the members have the interest of the lodge at heart, and as long as Scott Lodge has W. Bro. Cooper at its head there is every reason to think that Masonry will flourish in

that part of the district. Lodge-room small, but comfortable. Financial standing, good. Prospects, fair. Average attendance, twelve.

Blair Lodge, No. 314 : Visited this lodge March 3rd. R. W. Bro. Hyndman conferred the 1st and 2nd degrees in a very impressive manner. Officers fairly well posted. Lodge in good financial standing, and prospects fair. Average attendance eighteen.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271 : Visited this lodge March 8th. The W.M. being absent in England, the P.M. took the chair and opened in the three degrees in a highly satisfactory manner. Officers well posted. Lodge in good financial circumstances, and prospects fair. Attendance, small.

Speed Lodge, No. 180 : Visited this lodge April 4th. There was no work ; the W.M. opened in the three degrees and exemplified the 1st degree in good style. Officers well posted. This is the second largest lodge in the district, is in good circumstances, and the books are well kept. Average attendance, twenty-eight.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347 : Visited this lodge April 7th. The W.M. conferred the first degree in a very creditable manner. Officers well posted. Lodge in good shape, and prospects fair.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203 : Visited this lodge April 21st. There was no work ; the W.M. exemplified the 2nd degree in a very creditable manner. I inspected their books. Both minute book and cash book are well kept, but through some former secretary the roll book has been lost. I strongly advised them to have a thorough search made for it, and if not found to have a new one at once. The lodge is in fair circumstances, and the prospects fair.

Waverly Lodge, No. 361 : Visited this lodge April 24th. The W.M. conferred the 3rd degree in a fairly good manner, and the other officers are all well posted. Lodge is in good shape. Dues well collected. Prospects fair.

Durham Lodge, No. 306 : Visited this lodge April 25th. The W.M. conferred the 1st degree in good style. Officers fairly well posted. Books well kept. Lodge in good financial standing. Prospects, good. Average attendance, eighteen.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334 : Visited this lodge April 26th. The W.M. not being present, at the request of several of the members, I opened the lodge and conferred the 3rd degree. They had just moved into a new lodge-room, which is comfortably furnished, but it will require all the vim of the

few members who do stick to the lodge to carry it on. Financially, they are in good shape. Attendance, small.

Alma Lodge, No. 72: Visited this lodge April 28th. The W.M. conferred the 3rd degree in good style. Officers well posted. Books well kept, and the lodge is financially strong. Average attendance, twenty.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279: Visited this lodge May 31st. The W. M. conferred the first and second degrees in a very satisfactory manner. Officers well posted. This lodge is making good progress and intend moving into a new hall in a short time. They are all enthusiastic Masons and deserve every praise. Average attendance, 18.

In conclusion I would say that the work of the Worshipful Masters and officers throughout the district is well in accord with the ritual of Grand Lodge. I also find that nearly all the lodges are insured.

I beg to tender to the brethren of the seventh Masonic District my most sincere thanks for the honor they conferred on me by electing me their D.D.G.M., and also for their kind and courteous reception of me during my official visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ALFRED TAYLOR, D.D.G.M.

Wellington District, No. 7.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing work done in Wellington District, No. 7, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Total No. of all Mem'rs.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Degre's conf'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of mem'rs	Amount paid for relief.	No. of Members '2 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
180	Speed	Guelph	98	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	Total.	85	\$24 50	10	\$140 00	Dec. 27 '92..	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes
314	Blair	Palmerston	51	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Emergent.	13	40 95	4	18 01	"	Good	Fair	Yes	500 00
217	Wellington.	Erin	45	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Regular.	12	.....	13	50 00	"	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
315	Clifford	Clifford	26	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	9	.....	.....	"	Good	Fair	Yes	Yes	
172	Ayr	Ayr	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	8	20 00	2	28 42	"	Good	Fair	Yes	1000 00
274	New Hope	Hespeler	46	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	45	25 00	8	10 50	June '93...	Good	Fair	Yes	300 00
216	Harris	Orangeville	108	13	3	11	10	5	1	3	3	.....	33	167 75	5	72 00	Jan., '93...	First-class	Good	Yes	600 00
306	Durham	Durham	45	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	.....	14	17 50	20	137 00	June, '93 ..	First-class	Good	Yes	No
258	Guelph	Guelph	84	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	.....	24	20 50	14	190 00	"	Good	Poor	Yes	Yes
361	Waverly	Guelph	84	1	12	3	3	1	1	1	1	.....	13	20 50	20	137 00	Dec. '92...	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
72	Alma	Galt	78	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	.....	20	35 00	4	12 55	"	Excellent	Good	Yes	Yes
421	Scott	Grand Valley	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	16	20 00	8	72 62	"	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
151	Grand River	Berlin	82	1	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	.....	18	20 00	17	51 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	700 00
257	Galt	Galt	66	5	6	3	4	1	1	2	4	.....	16	20 00	17	51 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
200	St Albans	Mount Forest	45	9	3	7	5	3	2	2	1	.....	13	5 00	4	50 00	"	Good	Good	Yes	325 00
207	Preston	Preston	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	11	25 00	13	54 50	June, '92 ..	Poor	Poor	Yes	400 00
203	Irvine	Flora	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	10	25 00	13	54 50	June, '92 ..	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District.

Shortly after my election I appointed as District Secretary, W. Bro. H. N. Kittson, who has cheerfully assisted me in the work, and devoted much of his valuable time to the cause of Masonry.

I have officially visited every lodge in the district, and have paid unofficial visits to several lodges as frequently as possible, in order that I might be in touch with the general working of the Craft, and I have to report that the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton District is excellent. The lodges are ruled by capable Masters who are supported by tried and trusty Past Masters, and by faithful and efficient officers. The attendance at meetings has been good, and the zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry appears to be ever on the increase. The beautiful ritual of the Grand Lodge has been exemplified with marked ability and careful attention to details, the lodges seeming to vie with one another in the correctness of their work. The exchange of visits between the lodges increases in frequency, thereby blending the main objects of the meetings with a mutual interchange of fraternal feelings and social intercourse.

GRIEVANCES, ETC.

I am happy to say that no cases of dispute or grievance have come before me, the district being remarkably free from any such elements, and maintaining its long-established condition of harmony, good will, and fraternal feeling. It is my painful duty, however, to record that one brother, Samuel S. Hamell, was tried in Doric Lodge, No. 121, for unmasonic conduct. After the evidence was heard, he pleaded guilty on all six charges preferred, and was suspended indefinitely by the lodge.

RELIEF.

Large sums have been devoted to worthy recipients by many lodges in the district, and much good has been effected by the liberality of the brethren. I have been very much pleased to find that in several cases where the funds of the

lodge will not permit of large charitable grants being made, the members of those lodges have generously contributed of their means for the comfort of the sick and needy ; and in other cases where there are no Masonic poor, lodges have given entertainments for the benefit of the general poor of the neighborhood, and have realized and distributed large sums in that way. The action of these brethren must be commended the more, because of the unostentatious manner in which it has been done.

DEATHS.

I have been advised of the names of but few brethren who have departed hence, although the reports of lodges show that over twenty have died. Prominent among those who have left us stands the name of R. W. Bro. Richard Bull, who died March 7th, 1893. He was initiated in Barton Lodge, in 1841, and was therefore over fifty-one years a Mason ; he was the first Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was elected D.D.G.M. of the Hamilton District in 1858, and again in 1859, and filled the same office in Montreal District for three subsequent years. He was a recognized authority on Masonic ritual and symbolism, and was ever ready to assist and advise his younger brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 40, sustained a loss in November, 1892, by the death of W. Bro. Arthur Doherty, who was held in high estimation by his brethren for his many good qualities and genial disposition.

Other deaths which have been reported to me are : Bros. John W. Butler, of Brant Lodge, No. 45 and Doric Lodge, No. 121 ; Alfred Bennett, of Valley Lodge, No. 100 ; A. Muir, of Temple Lodge, No. 324 ; Wm. Buskard, of St. John's Lodge, No. 40 ; Bro. Robert Duncan, and Bro. Wm. McAulay, of The Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27.

DEDICATIONS.

October 10th, 1892, I had the pleasure of attending Especial Communications of Grand Lodge at Port Stanley and St. Thomas, in London District, when the new halls of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, and St. David's Lodge, No. 302, were dedicated by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by a goodly number of Grand Lodge officers, and in the presence of large concourses of members of the Craft. The ceremonies in both instances were conducted with great impressiveness, and the address of the M. W. Grand Master at St. Thomas was received by the brethren with earnest attention and keen appreciation.

June 1st, 1893, the beautiful new hall at Brantford, recently furnished by Brant Lodge, No. 45, and Doric Lodge, No. 121, was dedicated by the M. W. the Grand Master at an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge. I had the honor of attending and taking part in the proceedings, which were conducted in the presence of an immense gathering of brethren, standing-room in the lodge being obtainable with difficulty. The lodge-room is most beautifully and tastefully furnished and decorated, and the appliances for carrying on the work, as well as the arrangement of the approaches and ante-rooms are patterns for imitation. Subsequent to the ceremony, the Grand Master and visitors were entertained at a magnificent banquet in the Kirby House, where some three hundred brethren partook of the boundless hospitality of the Brantford Masons. It should be a source of gratification to the members of Brant and Doric Lodges to feel that their handsome hall was so greatly admired, and the good taste and energy of the Hall Committee so highly and deservedly praised.

VISITS.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton : I visited this lodge, June 12th, 1893, on the occasion of the Annual Meeting of the election of officers, at which a very large number of members and visitors were present. This lodge maintains the high position which it has held for so many years, as being one of the strongest lodges in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, numerically and financially. The financial affairs are guarded most jealously, and the lodge has acquired a very satisfactory list of assets, with no liabilities, except for current expenses. Although no degrees were conferred on the occasion of my official visit by W. Bro. F. B. Ross, W. M., I have had frequent opportunities of observing the work on other occasions, and can state that the officers are most efficient in this as in other respects. The lodge has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of R. W. Bro. Richard Bull, P. D. D. G. M., who was a member for more than fifty years, and who took a prominent part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He was a man whose serene mind was open to licensed pleasures, whose heart beat warm for friendship, and who was ever ready to assist the needy to the full extent of his means and sympathy.

I had the pleasure of presiding at the installation of officers at this lodge on 24th June, 1893, and am confident that, under their able administration, the welfare of the lodge is assured.

Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton : December

20th, 1892. This is also a lodge of great numerical strength and of sound financial standing; it is ruled by a most zealous Master in the person of W. Bro. F. J. McMichael, who is faithfully supported by a bright staff of officers, and the work is carried on in an efficient manner.

Strict Observance Lodge claims the proud distinction of having first brought to Masonic light our present Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, as well as our highly esteemed Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, and I am proud to claim it as my own mother lodge. Honor was paid to those eminent craftsmen as well as to myself by the presentation of three beautiful baskets of flowers for our respective wives, as a solace for their frequent hours of solitude. On December 27th, 1892, I installed the officers of this lodge, being ably assisted by a number of Past Masters of the city lodges.

Brant Lodge, No. 45, was visited by me on Feb. 14th, 1893. The lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees by W. Bro. S. F. Passmore, who also conferred the first degree in a highly proficient manner, with the able assistance of an excellent staff of officers. This was the second meeting of this lodge held in the new room, which has been furnished during the past year by Brant and Doric Lodges, and of which I have made more particular mention elsewhere. The finances of the lodge are in excellent condition, notwithstanding the heavy outlay for the new quarters, and the prospects of the lodge are particularly bright.

Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook: I paid a most enjoyable visit at this lodge on April 26th, 1893, and found everything in a most satisfactory condition. The third degree was conferred, and the work was well executed in a very striking manner by W. Bro. Dr. M. J. Mullock and officers. The building occupied belongs to the lodge, and there is a very nice nest egg laid by in the Treasurer's hands, wherewith the brethren contemplate making an extension to their premises. At the request of the W.M. of this lodge, and being unable through illness to attend myself, I deputed R. W. Bro. J. Malloy, P.D. D.G.M., to install the officers elect on Dec. 28th, 1892. He was assisted by V.W. Bro. A. Smith, and W. Bros. H. N. Kittson, J. Ferres, T. Irwin, and W. W. Greenhill. The brethren of Harmony Lodge were very well pleased with the visit and the beautiful rendering of the ceremony.

Acacia Lodge, No. 61, Hamilton, Dec. 9th, 1892: This was the annual meeting for the election of officers, and was pre-

sided over by W. Bro. S. H. Kent, W.M. The election passed off very successfully, the officers of the previous year receiving the reward of merit by advancement in their offices. A fair number of initiates have been received into this, as well as into all the other city lodges, and the material has been generally well selected. I have had several opportunities of witnessing the work at other meetings, and can testify to the efficiency of the Master and officers. The finances of the lodge are in excellent shape, and the future looks bright with promise. The officers of this lodge were installed by me, assisted by a number of Past Masters, at the joint meeting, Dec. 27th, 1892.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia : I visited this lodge on March 1st, 1893, where I found a very good turn out of the brethren, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. There was no regular work on hand, so I called on the W.M., W. Bro. John Thompson, to exemplify the first degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner, the officers being well up in their several parts. Finances in good condition ; membership small, but faithful in attendance.

Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas : Visited on Jan. 30th, 1893, and was most cordially received by W. Bro. J. C. Dixon, W. M., and officers, who conferred the 2nd degree in a manner calling for commendation. The amount of work done in this lodge is very creditable ; the average attendance is fair ; the finances in good shape, except that the arrears of dues have been allowed to accumulate to too great an extent, thereby affecting not only the finances, but also the interest of the brethren in lodge affairs. The officers promised to make a strong effort to reduce the outstandings.

Doric Lodge, No 121, Brantford : Visited this lodge on March 21st, 1893, and was met by a very large assemblage of the members. The removal to the new and handsome rooms seems to have given an impetus to Masonry in Brantford, and the brethren are to be congratulated on the success of their enterprise, and indefatigable exertions. The lodge is reported as being out of debt, although the drain on the treasury has been very great during the year. W. Bro. W. E. Phin and officers conferred the first degree in a practically perfect manner. The prospects of this lodge are excellent.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton : I visited St. Clair Lodge April 6th, 1893, and found matters in fairly good shape : the arrears of dues were rather more than they should be, and an effort should be made to reduce them. The finances are in good

condition otherwise. Minutes well recorded, and seven new members added to the roll. The first degree was conferred by the Master and officers. After the lodge meeting a very successful Charity Ball was held in the Town Hall.

Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington : Nov. 2nd, 1892. This was the first lodge which I had the pleasure of visiting, and received a most cordial welcome from W. Bro. S. Cline, W.M., and the members. Portions of the work were exemplified by the Master and officers in a very creditable manner. This lodge has an enthusiastic membership ; its finances are in a fair condition, and prospects good

Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, Stoney Creek : I made an appointment to visit this lodge on Nov. 28th, 1892, but being prevented by illness from keeping the engagement, deputed R.W. Bro. W.G. Reid, P.D.D.G M., to take my place, which he kindly did, and, accompanied by the District Secretary and others, paid an official visit on that evening. The principal business for the lodge was the election of officers, and the District Secretary reported to me after examining the books, that the financial position is excellent. The lodge is owner of the premises occupied by it, and of the store beneath. I, subsequently, on April 24th, 1893, visited the lodge and witnessed the second degree conferred by W. Bro. L. Carr, I.P.M., and officers in an efficient manner. W. Bro. Rev. F. E. Howitt, W.M., opened and closed in the three degrees.

Credit Lodge, No. 219, Georgetown, Feb. 24th, 1893 : This lodge is in excellent shape financially, having assets \$500.00, and liabilities nil. The W.M., W. Bro. Dr. Roe, and his officers, initiated a candidate on the occasion of my visit, the work being very well and faithfully done. The books are exceedingly well kept, and the satisfactory state of the affairs of the lodge and zeal of the members point to a bright future in store.

St. George Lodge, No. 243, St. George : On April 27th, 1893, I visited St. George Lodge and was much pleased with the general tone of the feeling among the members, and the condition of the affairs of the lodge ; the finances are in good shape and the prospects of continued prosperity are favorable. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. J. Van Atter, W. M., in an excellent manner, and he was well supported by his officers.

Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster : Visited this lodge March 29th, 1893, with about seventeen P.M's and others, Doric Lodge, No. 382, having resolved to pay a fraternal visit on

the same evening. The W.M., W. Bro. J. A. Daniels, conferred the first degree upon a candidate in a most creditable manner, although he modestly claimed nervousness, owing to the presence of so many visitors. The lodge is in the happy position of being the tenant of a brother who liberally grants the use of his building rent free. The finances are sound, and prospects very good.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro': Visited this lodge March 2nd, 1893, accompanied by a number of brethren, and was met by a large attendance from the Dundas and Ancaster Lodges. This lodge, though not numerically strong, is composed of energetic and zealous Craftsmen, who have accumulated assets to the value of about \$300, and have no liabilities. The work is correctly rendered. The W. M., W. Bro. John Simon, with a very efficient staff of officers, conferred the second degree.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton, Feb. 27th, 1893: I was accompanied on this visit by R. W. Bro. Geo. Russell, P. D. D.G.M., and W. Bro. H. N. Kittson, District Secretary. No work was done, but W. Bro. J. Lawson, W.M., opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. Although no new material has been introduced into this lodge during the year, and its numbers are small, yet its financial standing and prospects are very good.

Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton: I visited this lodge on the evening of the annual election of officers, Dec. 13th, 1892, when a very promising staff of officers was selected from among the members, and, I am happy to say, from subsequent observation, that the promise has been well filled, for in no lodge in the district is the work better rendered than in Temple Lodge, and the brethren are to be congratulated on their choice. I did not call upon the W.M. to exemplify any work, as I am well cognizant of the capability of himself and officers. I was made the recipient on this occasion of a very handsome silver-mounted walking-stick, presented on behalf of the lodge by W. Bro. Geo. E. Martin, W.M., in a very happy speech. I had the pleasure of installing the officers elect at the joint meeting on Dec. 27th. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, financially and otherwise.

Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, Waterdown: I first visited this lodge Feb. 28th, 1893, together with a number of brethren from Hamilton, and being met by a large delegation from Burlington Lodge, headed by R. W. Bro. W. Kerns, P. D. D.G.M. The lodge finances are on a fairly good footing, there

being no liabilities, and a sufficient revenue from dues to meet all expenses, but I found a feeling of depression existing as to the future of the lodge, which I did not think was warranted, and which I endeavored to overcome by argument and advice, in which I was ably and fraternally assisted by the other visitors. I again visited the lodge on May 30th with R. W. Bro. Hoodless, P.D.D.G.M., and found the feeling still existing; the attendance had been poor; no degrees had been conferred; some members had resigned, and a number had not paid up their dues and had been suspended. This being election night, the W.M. requested me to preside, and an election of officers resulted. On the suggestion of myself, supported by Bro. Hoodless, it was decided to call an informal meeting of Craftsmen in the neighborhood, including non-affiliated and suspended members, which was done, and on June 14th a very good meeting was held, the result being that two applications for affiliation were received, and a number of suspended members signified their intention of placing themselves in good standing. On June 27th, I again visited the lodge, attended by R. W. Bros. Malloy and Russell, and W. Bros. Emory, Ferres, and Martin, who, with the Masters and Past Masters of the lodge, assisted me in installing the Master-elect and investing the officers. Quite a change of feeling had meantime taken place; old members resolved to revive their interest in lodge matters, and I had the gratification of feeling that the efforts of myself, and of the brethren who so ably assisted me, were likely to bear good fruit, and that Waterdown Lodge will again take the important position which it formally filled in the district.

Doric Lodge, No. 382, Hamilton, June 19th, 1893: This lodge continues on its course of prosperity, and bids fair to attain a position of greater equality with the other city lodges than heretofore. My visit was paid, as is customary in Hamilton, on the occasion of the election of officers. The meeting was very well attended, and the officers of the past year received a step of promotion which was well deserved. The Master for the past year, W. Bro. J. Dixon, has been most faithfully supported, and the work has been well conducted throughout. There were fourteen candidates initiated, and a net gain of fourteen members, being the largest gain in any lodge in the city during the year. The financial affairs are well looked after, and on a good footing, and the prospects of the lodge are very favorable. I installed officers of this lodge also at the joint meeting with Barton Lodge, June 24th, 1893.

REFRESHMENTS.

I had the pleasure of accepting the hospitality of the brethren of every lodge on the occasion of my official visit ; the repasts were varied in extent, as was right and proper, according to the means of the lodge and members, but in all cases the welcome was spontaneous and hearty. At some of the banquets ale was provided, at very few were spirits admitted, and at none of them was any intemperance manifested. There appears to be a growing tendency to do away with all such beverages in this district, and, it is my belief, that the practice of prudence and temperance is well observed under the present system of voluntary local option, and would not be improved under any prohibitory enactment.

In conclusion, I have to tender my thanks to the many eminent brethren who have cheerfully given me their advice and assistance during my term of office ; they are too numerous to be named individually, but I cannot omit the names of R. W. Bros. J. Malloy, W. G. Reid, and G. Russell, V. W. Bros. G. E. Mason and W. J. Grant, and W. Bros. H. N. Kittson, A. Pain, C. V. Emory and J. Ferres. I must also express the pleasure it has been to me when visiting the different lodges to have the opportunity of renewing old friendships and forming new ones, and I thank the brethren of the district for the warm and hospitable receptions they have accorded to me and to those who accompanied me on my visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R L. GUNN,
D.D.G.M., Hamilton District, No. 8.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Hamilton District, No. 8, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	Location.	Members.		Degrees conferred.		Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last C. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Members.	Increase during Year.	Decrease during Year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.				Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.									
6	Barlon.	Hamilton	211	9	10	10	9	10	5	4	..	212	5	17	50	\$4 78	55	\$375 00	June, '93....	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
27	Strict Obser.	Hamilton	248	..	2	6	5	9	8	5	..	413	2	15	27	135 15	27	78 50	Dec., '92....	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes
40	St. John's	Hamilton	314	5	12	15	15	8	2	4	4	412	2	14	48	135 15	19	126 00	June, '93....	Al	Good	Yes	Yes
45	Brant	Brantford	104	9	12	9	9	1	3	..	..	113	11	24	30	55 00	5	50 00	June, '93....	Good	Very gd	Yes	Yes
57	Harmony	Bimbrook	58	4	4	4	4	4	..	..	..	11	1	12	18	15 00	..	..	June, '93....	Good	Good	Yes	\$800 00
61	Acacia	Hamilton	226	9	10	17	11	4	2	3	8	112	2	24	60	100 68	19	177 25	June, '93....	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
62	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	28	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	12	12	10	..	..	4	28 25	June, '93....	Sound	Medium	Yes	100 00
100	Valley	Dundas	76	3	5	5	6	5	2	1	..	113	1	14	15	25 00	37	361 00	Dec., '92....	Fair	Fair	Yes	400 00
121	Doric	Brantford	115	6	8	6	5	2	..	1	1	313	8	21	38	70 00	10	40 00	June, '93....	1st class	1st class	Yes	2,500 00
135	St. Clair	Milton	59	7	6	6	4	4	..	..	..	6	2	8	16	44 75	14	101 50	June, '93....	Solvent	Fair	Yes	800 00
165	Burlington	Burlington	56	3	4	4	4	..	1	..	..	13	1	14	20	..	..	..	Dec., '92....	Pair	Good	Yes	200 00
166	Wentworth	Stoney Creek	61	21	2	4	4	3	..	..	..	12	1	13	26	..	..	17 00	June, '93....	Pair	Fair	Yes	200 00
219	Credit	Georgetown	51	2	4	4	3	..	1	..	..	112	2	14	16	20 00	14	120 15	Dec., '92....	Sound	Favorable	Yes	Yes
243	St. George	St. George	50	1	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	14	1	14	17	..	7	38 00	Dec., '92....	Good	Good	Yes	267 00
272	Seymour	Ancaster	51	1	2	2	7	..	3	..	..	12	1	13	10	5 00	22	200 00	June, '93....	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
291	Duffin	West Flamboro'	32	2	3	3	3	..	1	..	..	4	12	2	12	5 00	10	60 00	June, '93....	Pair	Very gd	Yes	200 00
321	Walker	Acton West	28	2	12	9	9	1	2	1	..	13	2	15	30	..	15	82 00	Dec., '92....	Average	..	Yes	300 00
324	Temple	Hamilton	223	10	12	9	9	1	2	..	..	113	2	15	30	..	7	37 50	June, '93....	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
357	Waterdown	Waterdown	31	11	14	12	11	3	1	2	..	113	3	16	38	50 00	1	213 25	June, '93....	Very good	Good	Yes	None
382	Doric	Hamilton	148	14	..	..	..	..	4	7	..	113	3	16	38	5 00	16	213 25	June, '93....	Good	Good	No	Yes
400	Oakville	Oakville	86	4	3	5	5	1	..	..	..	12	6	18	30	10 00	10	185 00	Dec., '92....	Good	Favorable	Yes	Yes

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the condition of Masonry in Georgian District. Having been duly honored by Grand Lodge with the office of D. D. G. M. of Georgian District, I determined that, so far as my ability lay, I would endeavor to fill that high office in a manner that would not reflect any discredit on the choice.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. John H. Dickinson my District Secretary, to whom I am deeply indebted for the faithful and zealous manner in which he has performed his duties, thereby lessening my labors very much.

I then notified all the lodges of my election. My next act, which, I may say, was the only unpleasant one in connection with the duties of my office, was on account of information received of Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown, having initiated a candidate from outside their jurisdiction. I wrote the lodge for the particulars, and to my surprise and sorrow I found the rumor was correct. I then ordered all papers, etc., in connection with the matter to be sent to me, and at the same time instructed the W. M. not to confer any further degrees until they had permission from the Grand Master, to whom I sent all correspondence, and the matter is now in his hands.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued dispensations to the following lodges to attend Divine service, the fees for which have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary :

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton, June 18th ; Northern Light, No. 266, Stayner, June 25th.

DEATHS.

The following deaths among the members have been reported to me : Bro. T. D. Mose, of Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia ; Bro. Thomas F. Richardson, Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton ; Bro. Thomas Gibson, Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg ; Bro. Robert Crawford, St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound.

VISITS.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound : I made my official visit to this lodge on Wednesday, January 25th. I found

a very good attendance, and the W. M. opened and closed in a correct manner, and as they had been disappointed as to a candidate for initiation (he being unable to attend), I suggested that, if satisfactory to them, I would again pay them a visit, when I would be pleased to witness some portion of their work. Accordingly, I notified the W. M. of my intention to visit North Star Lodge, on 31st May, when I would be pleased to have them confer one of the degrees. The W. M. being away from home, the I. P. M., W. Bro. E. Cameron worked the third degree in a perfect manner; he was also well supported by the other officers. I was much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. George Inglis and V. W. Bro. R. McKnight. The lodge-room is one of the best. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well kept. Prospects of the lodge are the best.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: I visited this lodge on Wednesday, April 5th. As I expected, I found a first-class lodge. W. Bro. H. Rowe, the W. M., opened and closed in the three degrees, and conferred the second degree upon a candidate in a correct manner. He was supported, as all W. M.'s should be, by a first-class lot of officers. The lodge-room is one of the best in the district. The Secretary's (Bro. C. A. Macdonald) books are a credit to him and to the lodge. I was much pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Toner, who takes a deep interest in the welfare of this lodge, the prospects of which are very good.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Albion: I visited this lodge on Thursday, March 9th. This is one of the lodges that has not, in my opinion, been fairly dealt with; they should be, undoubtedly, in Toronto District. I found they had not been visited since R. W. Bro. D. MacWatt visited them in 1891, and from his report, I am pleased to be able to say there has been a decided improvement in the lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. Willoughby, opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the work in the first degree in a very pleasing way; his officers also supported him very ably. The Secretary is all attention, and very obliging. The lodge-room, although on the ground floor, is very nicely furnished and well protected. The prospects for this lodge are, I think, good.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: I visited this lodge on Thursday, April 6th. No lodge in the district knows how to receive the representative of the Grand Master more enthusiastically than this one, and my reception was no exception to the rule. I was very much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. King, Monkman and MacWatt. W. Bro. Urquhart, the W. M.,

opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and conferred the 3rd degree upon a candidate in a manner highly complimentary to himself and the other officers of the lodge. The kindness extended to me by the brethren of both Kerr and Corinthian Lodges, on my official and other visits to Barrie, will not soon be forgotten. The Secretary's books are exceptionally well kept. The prospects of this lodge are of the very best.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: I visited this lodge on Friday, June 30th. W. Bro. Evans, W.M., conferred the 3rd degree fairly well. The other officers require more practice in the work, in order to attain a proper state of efficiency. The Secretary's (Bro. Patterson) books are well kept, but I must reiterate what my predecessor has already stated, that there is no reason, save indifference on the part of the members, why this lodge should not prosper. I have to thank W. Bro. John H. Dickinson (District Secretary) and W. Bro. Dyre, Past Masters of Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg, and W. Bro. W. D. Spry, W.M. of Minerva Lodge, Stroud, for their kindness in accompanying me upon this occasion.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: I visited this lodge on Friday, April 28th. I am pleased to say that W. Bro. C. E. Roper, the W.M., has worked this lodge into a more efficient state than it has been in for some time, but it does not reflect any credit on the majority of the members to think that they do not assist their W. M. in his efforts, as they should do, although, with the assistance of the Secretary, Bro. Robinson, and a few others, the prospects of this lodge are brighter than formerly. The W.M. conferred the 2nd degree in a correct manner, but did not receive the support of the other officers that he was entitled to. I impressed upon them the importance of closer attention to the ritual in order to lessen the work of the W.M. The Secretary's books are very well kept. I am deeply indebted to W. Bro. Urquhart, of Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, for his kindness in accompanying me on my visit.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: I visited this lodge on Monday, February 27th. The third degree was conferred upon a candidate by the W. M., Wor. Bro. Sanford, in a very efficient manner, and he was well supported by the other officers, who all take a deep interest in their lodge. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept in a very correct and neat way. The lodge room is without doubt the finest in the district as far as appointments are concerned. I was pleased to meet M. W. Bro. Spry. Prospects very good.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, December 27th. It being the evening for installation of officers, and this being my own lodge, I installed the officers. I may say that I had an opportunity of witnessing the work by both the retiring and newly elected W. M.'s. W. Bro. Dyre conferred the third degree upon a candidate in a manner highly complimentary to himself, and was fairly supported by the other officers. W. Bro. H. Tyne, the W.M. elect, initiated a candidate in a very correct manner, and this being his first work I was pleased to be able to compliment him upon the very correct and impressive manner in which the degree was conferred. The Secretary's (W. Bro. John H. Dickenson) books are a credit to him, and the lodge is very fortunate in being able to retain his services. The lodge room is very comfortable, and the prospects are good. This lodge has adopted the practice of decorating the graves of deceased brethren with flowers, once each year, and the decorations made on Sunday, July 2nd, of the present year, were very fine. The graves were completely covered with beautiful flowers, in the form of Masonic emblems, etc., etc. It is very gratifying to me to see that the members of this lodge do not forget their departed brethren. The ceremony is performed in a quiet unassuming manner, there being no display other than the depositing of the flowers on the graves.

Manitoba, No. 236, Cookstown: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, March 7th. W. Bro. John Robinson conferred the second degree in a very efficient manner. As this was one of the lodges that was not very favorably reported on by my predecessor, I was pleased to compliment the W. M. on his portion of the work, but he does not yet receive the support from his wardens and deacons that he should, although I think there is a decided improvement. As this is the lodge referred to in the commencement of my report, as having initiated a candidate from outside their jurisdiction, I had to explain the importance of adhering to the constitution, and I feel confident they have had a lesson that will teach them to fully appreciate the important position they as a lodge should occupy. The minutes have been fairly well kept, but with my advice a little more care will be taken in the future. The W.M., Secretary, and most of the brethren, are anxious about the prosperity of the lodge, and I think in future it will be of a higher standard than in the past. The lodge room is altogether too small, and I believe a move is being made to secure more commodious and convenient premises, in which I trust they may be successful.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 249, Midland: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, March 14th. W. Bro. C. A. Phillips, W.M., conferred the second degree, and opened and closed in the three degrees very well, but he was only fairly supported by the other officers. I am happy to say that the members are taking a deeper interest in the lodge, than before. Much credit is due to the W.M. and the Secretary, Wor. Bro. Raikes. They have a very nice lodge room, and I think prospects of success are better than for some time previous.

Northern Light, No. 266, Stayner: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, March 28th. W. Bro. John Cameron, W.M., opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. Having been disappointed in a candidate not coming forward for initiation (owing to being out of town), I promised to visit them again later on. Accordingly, on Tuesday, April 11th, I again paid them a visit, when the 1st degree was conferred by the W.M., and all the officers, in a very creditable manner. Both officers and members take a deep interest in their lodge, which is prosperous. The lodge-room is small, but comfortable. The Secretary's books are well kept.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: I visited this lodge on Wednesday, June 28th. W. Bro. Ellis opened and closed in the three degrees, and conferred the 1st and 2nd degrees on two candidates in a very efficient manner, the other officers performing their duty fairly well. The Secretary's books are well kept. The prospect of this lodge is better than it has been for years.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, June 27th. I was accompanied by M. W. Bro. Spry, V.W. Bro. Wesley, W. Bros. Hallett, Urquhart and Hood, of Barrie, also W. Bro. Dickinson, District Secretary, and other brethren. This being the evening for installation of officers, I was very much pleased to witness the ceremony as rendered by W. Bro. Palling, P.M. of this lodge, and W. Bros. Hallett and Urquhart, which was very impressively performed. The newly-installed W. M., W. Bro. Will. D. Spry, closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very able manner. This lodge should prosper from the deep interest taken in it by several of the energetic Masons of Barrie, who have recently affiliated with it, amongst them being M. W. Bro. Spry, P.G.M. The Secretary's (Bro. C. E. Chantler) books are well kept. The lodge-room is comfortable, but not desirable, being small, and on the ground floor.

North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: I visited this

lodge on Wednesday, May 31st. As I mentioned in my report of visit to St. George's, No. 88, I visited this lodge on the above date, and was much pleased to meet R. W. Bros. Creasor and Inglis, and a number of members of St. George's. W. Bro. W. A. Bishop, W.M., opened and closed in the three degrees, and conferred the 2nd degree upon a candidate in a manner highly complimentary to him (being the first time that he had conferred a degree); he was well supported by the other officers. The lodge is particularly fortunate in securing the services of so efficient a Secretary as Bro. Munro. Prospects of lodge very bright. This being a joint meeting of both lodges in Owen Sound, and as the brethren of that town are noted for their enthusiastic reception of the D.D.G.M. and all visiting brethren, my visit was looked forward to by me with pleasure, and the remembrance of their kindness will always be to me one of the brightest recollections of the year.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: I visited this lodge on Friday, May 26th. W. Bro. A. S. Vandusen, W.M., and officers, opened and closed the lodge in a correct manner. This being election night, the conferring of any of the degrees was dispensed with, although the W.M. was prepared to work any of them. This being a comparatively small lodge, I was particularly well pleased to notice the liberal grant of seventy-five dollars (\$75) voted to a Worthy Brother, a member of this lodge, who has been ill for some time. All the members seem to be endowed with a true Masonic spirit. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the lodge-room is very comfortable. Prospects of this lodge are better than formerly.

Georgian, No. 348, Penetanguishene: I visited this lodge on Wednesday, March 15th. This lodge has been at a very low ebb; so much so that they neglected to elect their officers at the proper time. I wrote V. Wor. Bro. Buckley, requesting him to make another effort to get the members together, which he did, and they afterwards elected their officers under a special dispensation, and through the exertions of Bro. Buckley and the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Milligan. I am happy to say that the lodge is now in a flourishing condition. All the members seem to take a deep interest in the working of the lodge. The night of my visit the W.M. initiated a candidate very creditably. The books are well and neatly kept: the Grand Lodge dues, which were in arrears, are now paid up. I am deeply indebted to Bro. C. A. Beck for his kind attention to me on my official visit.

Lorne, No. 377, Shelburne: I visited this lodge, Thursday,

May 25th. Wor. Bro. James Cleary, W.M., opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees, and exemplified the work in the third degree fairly well. The Wardens and Deacons were well skilled. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the prospects of this lodge are bright. The lodge room is very comfortable.

Spry, No. 385, Beeton : I visited this lodge on Wednesday, March 8th, and found one of the finest little lodges in the district. The W.M., Bro. Bell, opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the work in the first degree in a manner on which both himself and his officers are to be complimented. I think every member takes a deep interest in the lodge, hence they are successful. The Secretary, Bro. Croft, keeps his books as they should be kept, and they are a credit to him. The prospects of this lodge are good.

Simcoe, No. 79, Bradford : On February 10th, I wrote the W.M. asking for general information as to this lodge, and as I did not receive any reply, I wrote R.W. B. H.S. Broughton, a P.M. (to whom I am deeply indebted for any information respecting this lodge), explaining my letter to the W.M., to which he replied stating he would once more try and get the brethren together, but he again failed, owing to lodge-room being burned. I then suggested that he get a meeting of as many as possible to talk over the probability of putting new life into the old lodge, and he replied that they appeared to take no interest whatever, as will be seen by the tabulated report herewith, they having only had two meetings during the past year. I would therefore recommend that they be requested to surrender their warrant.

With the exception of Simcoe, No. 79, it will be seen that Masonry in this district is in a prosperous condition.

As will be seen by the foregoing report, I have visited all the lodges in the district once ; several twice during my term of office.

In conclusion, I thank the brethren of the district for the many acts of kindness rendered to me during the year, and I assure them that I shall always remember with pleasure the year I held the important office of D. D. G. M. of the Georgian District.

Annexed hereto, will be found a tabulated statement showing the work done and general condition of lodges in this district during the past year

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHAS PYE, D.D.G.M.,
Georgian District, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Georgian District, No. 9, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Membership.		Total No. of all Members.	Degree's conf'd			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of mem'brs.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.		E. A.	F. C.	M. M.						Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
79	Simcoe.	Bradford.	19	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	June 24, '92.	Poor	Low	Yes	None	
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	60	4	0	4	4	2	0	1	0	1	1	15	17	6	June 24, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00	
90	Manitow.	Collingwood	98	5	0	6	6	2	0	1	0	1	4	18	35	27	144 25	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	1,000 00			
96	Corinthian	Barrie.	108	4	0	7	7	7	1	0	0	0	3	11	32	64 50	June 24, '93.	Very g'd	Bright	Yes	600 00	
98	True Blue	Albion		
137	Pythagoras.	Meaford	57	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	13	14	15	29 00	1	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00	
192	Orellia.	Orellia.	107	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	15	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	500 00		
230	Kerr.	Barrie	90	0	4	1	1	2	0	4	0	0	2	14	20	37	400 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00			
234	Beaver.	Clarksburg	39	1	3	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	13	16	9	155 50	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	1,250 00			
236	Manitoba.	Cookstown	26	2	6	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	26	5	25 00	Dec. 17, '92	Good	Good	Yes	300 00			
249	Calcedonian.	Midland	32	2	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	10	.....	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes		
266	North Light	Stayner	39	5	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	7	23 50	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	Yes			
285	Seven Star	Alliston	30	3	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	13	.....	5 50	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	None		
304	Minerva	Stroud.	23	1	3	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	8	9	.....	20 00	June 24, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	150 00		
322	North Star.	Owen Sound	75	6	4	3	3	1	2	4	0	0	0	14	16	.....	17 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	75 00		
333	Prin. Arthur	Flesherton	34	3	0	5	5	0	1	2	1	0	0	10	14	.....	35 16	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Yes		
348	Georgian.	Pentanguish	21	3	4	3	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	5	10	11	159 00	Dec. 27, '92	Good	Good	Yes	150 00			
377	Lorne	Shelbourne	53	6	1	4	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	13	114	25	27 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00		
385	Spry	Beeton.	33	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	15	10	0	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	200 00		
																		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHERS :

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the tenth Masonic District.

Having been honored by being elected to the important office of District Deputy Grand Master of the Niagara District, I take this opportunity of thanking my brethren for the kind recognition bestowed upon me, and for the courteous and hospitable manner they have received me on every occasion during the year.

I have visited every lodge in the district at least once during my term of office, and am pleased to be able to report that many of the lodges are in a very prosperous condition ; a few, however, have not made much progress, but the greater number have added to their membership, making the aggregate increase in the district quite considerable.

I propose being very brief, and refer you to the annexed statement, which gives the standing and my notes upon each lodge in the district. I regret that some of the lodges have been tardy making returns of information. It gives me pleasure, however, to be able to report that in all the lodges harmony prevails, and the majority of the W. M.'s are well skilled, and the work properly presented.

The lodge rooms of the district, with one or two exceptions, are large, comfortable, well furnished, and supplied with all the appliances necessary to the work.

The average attendance is not what it should be, being a trifle over twenty-five per cent. of the membership.

Non-payment of dues is the great evil and the one cause that swells the loss of our members more than all the other causes combined. In my visits I have urged the necessity of prompt action in the collection of dues. The Masters and Secretaries of nearly all the lodges are making earnest efforts to abate this crying evil, and I am pleased to learn are meeting with every encouraging success. Just here I venture the opinion that *two* lodges in St. Catharines instead of *three* as at present, and *one* in Welland instead of *two*, would be a decided benefit to the brethren of each place. In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for their kindness to me during my visits to their different lodges.

STATEMENT OF VISITS.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold : In company with Bro. J. G. Cadham, S. W., St. Mark, No. 105, I made my first official visit to this lodge on November 30th, 1892. The lodge has a membership of 72, an average attendance of 16 ; number present on the occasion of my visit, 22. They have a large room, beautifully furnished, on which they carry an insurance of \$500. The Secretary, Bro. Fish, keeps the books in good order, and, financially, the lodge is in a prosperous condition. There being no work, the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the second and third degrees, which were fairly well done. With careful study and practice this should be one of the best lodges in the district.

Palmer Lodge, No. 372, International Bridge : Visited December 6th, 1892. The work of the evening was the passing and raising of candidates. The degrees were well conferred and the officers well posted in the work, rendering it in a manner effective and instructive. The Secretary, R. W. Bro. Hurrell, has his books in first-class order. Dues are well paid up ; a membership of 40 ; average attendance, 17 ; number present at my visit, 33. They have a neat room, well equipped. Insurance, \$400. This is certainly the banner lodge of the district in the matter of exemplifying the work.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara on the Lake : The oldest lodge in the jurisdiction. Visited January 25th, 1893. The membership is 35 ; average attendance, 13 ; number present at my visit, 19. The W. M. opened and closed in the second and third degrees, work very creditably done, being ably assisted by his Wardens and officers. Niagara Lodge is in a prosperous condition. The building in which it now meets is owned by the lodge and fully insured.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby : Visited January 26th, 1893. Brethren present, 41 ; members on the roll, 62 ; average attendance, 20. They have just moved into a new room which is elegantly furnished. It was the intention of the brethren to amply insure. W. Bro. Sykes, assisted by an efficient staff, opened and closed in the second and third degrees, which were exceedingly well done. The books are kept in first-class order. The dues are paid up to date with hardly an exception. The prospects of the lodge are very bright.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis : Visited Jan. 27th, 1893. Officers all present. This lodge has a membership of 45 ; average attendance, 19 ; number present at my visit, 23. They have a very good room, nicely furnished, and on which

they carry an insurance of \$270. By request, the W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the second and third degrees. The Secretary's books are in excellent shape. Dues are well paid up, and the prospects of the lodge are good.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York : I visited this lodge in company with W. Bro. Olds, of the Hamilton District, Jan. 30th, 1893. Membership, 24 ; average attendance, 9 ; members present, 15. The brethren have purchased a hall for lodge purposes, for which the members have nearly all paid \$10 subscription. Dues are only fairly paid, not close up. The W. M. and all his officers are very rusty with the work, being unable to open and close in anything like a creditable manner. There seems to be no interest taken, and Masonic matters are dormant.

McNab Lodge, No. 169 : Pt. Colborne : Visited, Jan. 31st, 1893. The prospects of this lodge are very poor. The members seemingly take little or no interest in lodge matters. The average attendance for the past year being 7, or just enough to open the lodge. The membership is 48. Members present at my visit, 12. They have a good room, nicely furnished, and with their opportunities should have a far better lodge.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines : Visited, Feb. 22nd, 1893, accompanied by Bro. J. M. Douglas, of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105. W. Bro. Klotz installed the officers elect for the ensuing year, which was splendidly done. All the officers do their work well, and the prospects of the lodge are exceedingly bright. R. W. Bro. Robertson was present, and takes a very active part in the work. Number of members on the roll, 55 ; members present, 33 ; average attendance, 16. The dues are in fair shape.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville : Visited, Feb. 28th, 1893. Members present, 20 ; average attendance, 14 ; members on the roll, 59. Their room, with regard to furnishings, is second to none in the district. They carry an insurance of \$600. The work of the evening was in the third degree, which was very creditably exemplified. Had the pleasure of meeting several visiting brethren from Dufferin Lodge, Wellandport.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Pt. Dalhousie : Visited, March 1st, 1893. This lodge has been burned out three times within the last twenty years, and deserves great credit for the manner in which they have persevered, and bringing the lodge up to its present state. Their room, though small, is neatly furnished and fully insured. The W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Green, very ably worked the second degree. Dues are well collected,

and prospects are bright. The meetings of the lodge in summer are naturally poorly attended, as many of their members are away during that part of the year. Members on roll, 35 ; average attendance, 13 ; members present time of my visit, 19, of which 11 were lake captains.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Niagara Falls : Visited, March 2nd, 1893, accompanied by several members of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105. This lodge has a membership of 82 ; an average attendance of 30 ; members present at my visit, 46. The W.M., assisted by a very efficient staff of officers, did the work of the second degree in a very creditable manner. They have a fine lodge-room, and every member takes an interest in the work. Financially, the lodge is in a very prosperous condition. For attendance, this is the banner lodge of the district.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville : Visited, March 8th, 1893. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and a brother raised. The work was not first-class, it being quite plain that the officers are considerably out of practice. They have a small lodge-room, well equipped with the necessary appliances. Dues are in very good condition. Membership, 58 ; average attendance, 17 ; members present, 19. Several brethren from Dufferin Lodge, Wellandport, and King Solomon Lodge, Jarvis, were present.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland : Visited March 27th, 1893, accompanied by W. Bro. D. R. Pursel, of St. Marks, No. 105. This lodge is in a very prosperous condition. On the occasion of my visit the ballot was taken for five candidates, four of which were accepted and two initiated, the work being done in a very efficient manner. Dues are fairly well collected. Their room is neatly furnished. Membership, 85 ; average attendance, 21 ; members present, 28. The future of this lodge is a bright one.

St. George Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines : Visited March 28th, 1893. This lodge has not been in a very prosperous condition of late. They have a membership of 95, with an average attendance of only 8, which is proof positive that there is not the interest taken that there should be. The evening work consisted of one initiation which was fairly well done. The Secretary, Bro. O. Loughlin, is making an effort to get the dues collected, which, if accomplished, will put the lodge in a good financial position. Members present at time of my visit, 11.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Hagersville : Visited March 30th, 1893. There was a fair attendance considering the state of

the roads, there being present 15 members out of a membership of 33, the average attendance for the past year being 8. The W. M. is an earnest and zealous Mason, and one who, I am sure, before the end of his term of office, will place his lodge in a first-class condition. Work, with this lodge, at present, is quite plentiful, three candidates being initiated on the night of my visit.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland : Visited April 6th, 1893. This lodge has a membership of 37 ; average attendance, 7 ; members present at my visit, 3 ; which shows a great lack of interest on the part of the members, as there were two candidates in waiting to be passed. About half-past nine the brethren present succeeded in getting enough of the members of Merritt Lodge to assist in the work, which was poorly done. I would venture the opinion that it would be better for this lodge to amalgamate with Merritt Lodge, No. 168.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Pt. Robinson : Visited April 25th, 1893, accompanied by W. Bro. D. R. Pursel. There being no work on hand, the W. M. opened and closed in the second and third degrees, which was rather poorly done, as the officers are out of practice. A large number of the members are engaged in sailing, and the attendance was small. The dues are well paid. Their room is nicely furnished. Membership, 34. Average attendance, 11. Members present at my visit, 14.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines : Visited April 27th, 1893. This lodge is in a prosperous condition, having a membership of 98, and an average attendance of 18. The W. M. and his officers have the work well. The work of the evening was raising a candidate to the third degree, and the manner in which it was done is a credit to the lodge. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the dues well paid up. Members present at my visit, 29

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport : Visited June 21st, 1893, accompanied by W. Bro. F. P. Summer and Bros. J. G. Cadham and J. M. Douglas, all of St Mark's, No. 105. The lodge is not as prosperous as it should be, having only held nine meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 9. Membership 21 ; members present night of my visit, 14. Dues are in fairly good shape, and prospects of the lodge are better.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls Village : This being my mother lodge, I visited it as a member on many lodge-nights. We have a large, well ventilated, and well furnished room ; our paraphernalia and furniture are fully insured. Membership 55—and the W. M. is a zealous worker.

St. John's No. 35, Cayuga : Visited June 29th, 1893. There were 13 members present. The work of the evening was in the first degree, which was very creditably done, it being the first work of the new officers installed June 24th. Dues are well collected, and prospects of the lodge are bright. Number of members on the roll, 28 : average attendance, 9.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued three dispensations to allow brethren clothed as Masons to attend Divine service, viz. : Niagara Lodge, No. 2, on the Lake ; St. John's, No. 35, Cayuga ; and Clifton, No. 254, Niagara Falls. In each case, I have been assured, the proceedings were such as to reflect credit upon the Craft.

The expenses of the D D. G. M. (with one exception), have been promptly met by every lodge in the district.

In conclusion, I have only to remark that wherever I have gone throughout the district, I have met with the heartiest and most generous welcome from each and every lodge, and I ask the brethren in whatever they see that I have failed, to extend to me the benefit of their Masonic Charity, and believe that, at all events, I have tried to do my best to forward the interests of the Craft in general.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. D. GARNER, D.D.G.M.
Niagara District, No. 10.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Niagara District, No. 10, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	Mem- bership.	Degree's conf'd	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.	Average attendance of members	Amount paid for Relief.	No. of members 12 months in Arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. Work all Degrees.	Insurance.
372	Palmer	Internat'l Bridge	38	1	..	..	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	14	14	17	..	..	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	\$400 00
35	St. John's	Cayuga	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	9	16	\$33 50	Dec. 27, '92.	Square	Fair	Yes	500 00
221	Mountain.	Thorold	72	5	12	..	1	4	1	10	..	..	14	2	16	13	15	108 85	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
103	Maple Leaf.	St. Catharines	98	6	..	..	5	4	..	..	..	..	1	13	2	15	21	163 18	Jan. 11, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00
296	Temple.	St. Catharines	55	3	..	..	3	3	1	6	..	..	..	1	2	13	12	131 15	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	..
329	K. Solomon's	Jarvis	47	3	..	..	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	14	2	16	6	43 25	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	320 00
115	Ivy.	Bramsville	54	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	13	3	1	..	..	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	1,600 00
106	St. Mark's	Niag. Falls	55	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	2	15	..	..	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
277	Seymour	Port Dalhousie	37	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	12	..	..	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
135	Emiskillen.	York	23	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	9	5	23 50	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	4 00
7	Niagara	Niagara	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	13	13	..	..	..	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
2	Union	Grimsby	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	14	20	..	..	..	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
169	McNab.	Port Colborne	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	8	..	..	..	Good	Good	Yes	..
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	84	..	..	..	5	6	1	..	..	..	..	14	2	16	10	47 10	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Poor	Yes	900 00
32	Amity	Bumville	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	3	1	..	..	..	Good	Very gd	Yes	..
168	Merrid.	Welland	85	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	2	21	..	..	..	Good	Fair	Yes	..
15	St. George.	St. Catharines	96	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	8	..	..	..	Good	Good	Yes	..
319	Hiram	Hagersville	33	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	8	..	..	..	Fair	Only fair	Yes	..
373	Copestone	Welland	37	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	8	..	..	..	Good	Good	Yes	..
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	12	..	..	..	Fair	Very poor	Yes	..
335	Dufferin	Wellandport	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7	10	..	..	..	Good	Only fair	Yes	..

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

The task of governing and administering the affairs of this large and important district has been a comparatively easy one, the efforts of the eminent brethren who preceded me, in the office of D.D.G.M., having borne good fruit. In order that the work might be systematically and acceptably performed, I selected V.W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, G.S.D., to be my District Sec'y, and the Rev. W. W. Bates, W.M., of Patterson Lodge, to be District Chaplain. By the former, I have been accompanied in my visits to almost every lodge, and I cheerfully bear witness to his untiring energy, zeal, and willingness to render me every assistance in his power, indeed, his services have been of such a nature that he has laid upon me a debt of gratitude which time alone can aid me in discharging. The latter has afforded me consolation and comfort on many occasions.

THE PROGRESS AND CONDITION OF MASONRY IN THE 11TH
MASONIC DISTRICT.

Notwithstanding opinions previously expressed regarding the numerical strength of the lodges in this district; and the difficulties encountered thereby in arriving at an accurate and satisfactory data, I am free to confess that I see no reasonable argument why the eleventh district should be submitted for the consideration of the re-distribution committee. I have visited, and carefully examined into the condition and prospects of the thirty-eight lodges comprised within the jurisdiction. I have talked with the older members of all, notably those which are classed as country lodges, and in no case have I discovered an inclination, expressed or implied, that would indicate a desire for a division of the district. When it is considered that some sixteen or more lodges out of the 38 are concentrated within the radius of a few miles, and that communication with all the 38 lodges is rendered easy by convenient railway connection, it will be understood that the desire to remain as we are is neither new, nor has it lacked consideration. I cannot therefore endorse the suggestion for disintegrating a district which, from the harmony that has hitherto prevailed within its limits, has earned a reputation for solidity and excellent working.

A personal supervision of all the lodges, embracing fifty-six visits, enables me to report with confidence that the 11th Masonic District has attained a degree of proficiency which, if adhered to, will render the work of my successor as pleasant as my own.

The matters of dispute, or differences of opinion, which in many cases magnify themselves into mountains of discord, are happily unknown. When a conflict arises there is invariably expressed a disposition to bridge the difficulty in a harmonious and fraternal fashion. I need not say that such a feeling prevailing everywhere has rendered my duties comparatively light. Yet there have been many faults and blemishes which have been prominently brought to the front by my predecessors, which, owing to their efforts, have been considerably reduced, but are still apparent enough to demand attention and notice from myself.

Among these I may include the lack of attention to prompt collection of dues, the occasional indifference of the subordinate officers of a private lodge to the details of floor work, and the apathy of some secretaries, especially with lodges having concurrent jurisdiction and not retaining a record of brethren suspended or restored, and, above all, the necessity of a strict and jealous preservation of old lodge minutes and records. In this respect I would recommend most strongly that a careful inventory should be taken of all lodge property; especially the records, and that the incoming master, in every instance, should be held responsible for their safe custody during his term, and their deliverance intact to his successor.

The statement that the District has progressed is substantiated by the fact that within the period there have been 400 additions, which, with usual reductions for resignations, suspensions and deaths, leaves a net gain of 157. In the good work which we are enjoined to cultivate, the district has not been behind, over \$1,650 having been paid out to the needy and distressed.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

My observations of the workings of the city lodges led me to the conclusion that a Lodge of Instruction in the city of Toronto was at the present time unnecessary. The Masters and officers, generally, being imbued with a desire to excel, I therefore confined my attention in this respect to the country, and convened a general Lodge of Instruction in the commodious hall of Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, when the first and third degrees were worked with praiseworthy accuracy and at-

tention to detail by the W. Master and officers of Richmond and Rising Sun Lodges respectively. On this occasion there were brethren present from Newmarket, Schomberg, Sharon, Sutton, Maple, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Nobleton and other places, and all were pleased and instructed.

The brethren of Rising Sun entertained the many visitors with fraternal hospitality.

TIME OF ELECTION.

I desire particularly to request the attention of the committee on the condition of Masonry to a matter which I consider of no light importance. And I believe I voice the sentiments of every D.D.G.M., both of this and former periods, when I say that the diversity in the dates of installing private lodge officers not only proves injurious to the lodge, but hampers the labors of the inspecting officer. A little thought will convince even those who may be wedded to the December anniversary that the fact that the D.D.G.M. does not enter upon his duties until July must in many cases render his position peculiar and sometimes unpleasant. Under existing circumstances he is compelled very often to suit the convenience of the lodge, that is, if he has to inspect working which his predecessor has left for him, or otherwise postpone it until perhaps a new set of officers are in harness. The inconveniences occasioned by a confliction of dates are sometimes of a formidable nature, so much so that not infrequently a set of lodge officers will pass through their term uninspected; and yet the D.D.G.M. will have made the visit required of him. The remedy for this lies with the Grand Lodge. If it were so provided that every lodge elected their officers in May and installed in June they would then be contemporary with the D.D.G.M., and if the latter did his whole duty there could not possibly be a gap or blemish in the annual inspections.

PASTMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

An event of no little importance and congratulation, brings of necessity to this report, a reference to the utility and benefit of the P.M.'s Association established some three years ago.

At its meeting in May, a resolution which might not otherwise have seen the light, was brought forward, congratulating the Veteran R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully upon attaining the previous month the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation. The R. W. Bro. first saw light in Masonry in Lodge No. 13, Limerick, Ireland: his Masonic parent being the late Sir James Spaight, Prov. G. M. of North Munster.

On this occasion Bro. Tully contributed a paper, entitled, "Irish Lodges in Canada," which proved a most interesting history, and the happy combination of circumstances induced a resolution, unanimously adopted, and to the effect that to commemorate such an eventful occasion and at the same time to preserve, for the benefit of the Craft generally so interesting a paper, "The D. D. G. M. be requested to incorporate it in an appendix to his report for the purpose of being printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge." The above needs no comment from me. R. W. Bro Tully's services and devotion to the Craft, and to this Grand Lodge from its inception, entitles him to more consideration than so humble a request would embrace.

THE DEPARTED.

The destroyer has dealt kindly with us during the past year. The reports from the several lodges show that the membership rolls have been decreased by thirty-six brethren, who have in their respective spheres aided to shed lustre on the good old Craft, and whose memory, now that they have crossed that sea, the crest of whose waves have never yet borne the shadow of a returning sail, brings a pang of regret that their true value was not the more appreciated while they dwelt among us. Among the names who have passed away are a few who have been familiar to the members of Grand Lodge in the years gone by, and when many of us who are aspiring and confident were but children.

R. W. Bro. W. G. Storm, who was called to his reward, was a devoted member of the Craft, and to his death continued in active connection. He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge and a D. D. G. M. of this district in 1861.

The same old lodge lost another valuable member in V. W. Bro. Bigelow, who, at the time of his death, represented Toronto in the Local Legislature. He held the office of G. D. C. in 1873.

R. W. Bro. John A. Wills, P. G. S. W., leaves a gap in the ranks of St. George's Lodge that will not be easily filled.

St. John's and King Solomon Lodges also mourn the loss of two Past Masters in the persons of W. Bro. Robert McKim and John F. Pearson, both of whom left on the records of their respective lodges the imprint of their zeal and industry.

THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

The centennial year of Masonry in Ontario is now a matter of history, and it is with pardonable pride that I now revert to

the unalterable fact that to my brethren of the Queen City of the West belongs the distinguished honor of keeping green in the memory of the Craft the struggles and achievements of our Masonic pioneers, and commemorating their noble deeds in the celebration of the One Hundredth anniversary of the establishment of our cherished fraternity in this fair province. While we congratulate ourselves that Toronto conceived and carried out to a glorious issue the proper observation of a momentous event, the reflection that it was confined to Toronto occasions a sentiment of genuine sorrow, that the Craft at large was not a participant. The opportunity of making it a period of general rejoicing was missed, because of the prejudices of a popularity-seeking brother, who discerned nothing in the proposal beyond an excuse to afford the Toronto brethren a chance to "guzzle."

That such an argument prevailed in Grand Lodge must surely be a cause of lasting regret to the brethren at large, but while we can afford to forgive the fraternal peculiarities that prompted so uncharitable a sentiment, we feel confident that Grand Lodge will appreciate the action of the Toronto brethren, and applaud a motive that was born in a spirit of patriotism, as well as of affection for our time-honored Craft.

In the hands of an active committee, and under the ever watchful eye of the indefatigable Secretary, V.W. Bro. A.A.S. Ardagh, the preparations for the important event made rapid progress.

To commemorate the occasion, a medal was appropriately designed and struck in silver, a souvenir that even now is highly prized and sought for.

On Sunday, the 18th December last, the celebration was inaugurated by a full choral service in the Metropolitan church, which proved inadequate to accommodate the vast congregation. The brethren in attendance occupied the body of the spacious edifice, each wearing the centennial medal. Bro. Rev. W. F. Wilson, chaplain of St. Andrew's Lodge, preached a sermon of singular power, and a handsome collection in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children resulted.

On St. John's Day, the 27th of the same month, the Centennial banquet was held, and at which four hundred brethren participated. Need I say that with M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson in the chair, and supported on the right and left by such distinguished brethren and orators as Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor, who was accompanied by his son and aide, also a member of the Craft; Past Grand Masters J. K.

Kerr, Q.C., and Hugh Murray ; Deputy Grand Master W. R. White, Q.C. ; Grand Secretary, J. J. Mason ; E. T. Malone, P.D.D.G.M. ; G. J. Bennett, P.D.D.G.M. ; F. F. Manley, Grand Registrar ; A. A. S. Ardagh, G.S.D. ; W. Bro. E. W. Gardner, and others, the affair passed off with exceptional brilliancy. The speeches were interspersed with musical selections by Zetland's Quartette, and soloists of renown, and the verdict of the assemblage was unanimous that Toronto had nobly done her duty.

Of the many soul-stirring addresses delivered on the occasion, that of the chairman, in introducing the centennial toast, took the palm. It was historical, anecdotal and congratulatory, acknowledged by all to be one of his finest efforts. Those present will not readily forget the scene, as M.W. Bro. Robertson concluded and finished an eloquent peroration.

W. Bro. Gardner's reply to the toast of the Ladies will ever be remembered as a delightful conclusion to a magnificent celebration.

It was in that witty brother's happiest vein, and not only did justice to that old time Masonic sentiment, but contributed not a little to the success of a memorable evening.

The absence of the M. W. Grand Master, owing to illness, was universally regretted.

THE MASONIC MONUMENT.

Not less remarkable, because of the enthusiasm it created, and the numerical strength of the brethren participating, was the unveiling of the monument to the fraternal dead, erected on the large circular plot in Mount Pleasant cemetery presented to the Craft of Toronto some ten years ago by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson. The ceremony took place on Saturday, June 24th, the festival of St. John the Baptist, and was distinguished by probably the largest out-door Craft demonstration ever witnessed in Toronto. The attire of the brethren was a noticeable feature, all being garbed in dark clothing, wearing white gloves and blue lodge aprons, while not a baker's dozen out of nearly eight hundred were without the conventional black silk hat. In rear of the procession, which was piloted by the regimental band of the Queen's Own Rifles, walked the past and present Grand Lodge officers in full regalia. Among them were M. W. Bros. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Grand Master ; J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M. ; J. K. Kerr, Q.C., P.G.M. ; Hugh Murray, P.G.M. ; W. R. White, Q.C., D.G.M., etc., etc. Some four thousand citizens had assembled at the cemetery by the time the special trains from the city had con-

veyed the brethren to their destination, but admirable order was observed.

The large plot, and the walks surrounding it, accommodated the members of the Craft who, with the other auditors, listened to the addresses delivered from a raised platform erected beside the monument. A beautiful and impressive musical service added considerably to the imposing ceremony, which culminated in the unveiling of the handsome shaft by Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, amid enthusiastic applause.

The monument, which is 28 feet high, is a column of polished granite, surmounted by a globe, on which are raised, in gold, the square and compasses.

On the pedestal is the inscription :

“Erected to the dead of the Craft by the
Freemasons of Toronto.”

The plinth bears the record that the plot was presented in 1883 by M. W. Bro. Robertson.

The demonstration and ceremony were carried out with a promptitude and final success that invariably characterize the united action of the Toronto brethren, and that they created a favorable impression upon the outer world, goes without saying.

VISITATIONS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto : Three score years and ten, the allotted span of a man's life, have come and gone, and still find this grand old lodge in the very prime of vigorous manhood. No internal discord, no decay, is visible within her walls ; her destinies are presided over by a zealous set of officers, ably assisted by the Past Masters, who take a delight in being present at every meeting.

The seventieth anniversary was commemorated the night of my visit, and it was, indeed, a pleasure to witness the love members of the old brigade have for their lodge. Among those present were R. W. Bros. James Bain, Æmilius Irving, Q. C., V. W. Bro. W. F. McMaster, and the late V. W. Bro. Bigelow. The presence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master added increased interest to the gathering. The Past Masters occupied the chairs, and conferred the first degree according to the old ritual, V. W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow, as W. M., R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, as S. W., and V. W. Bro. George Tait, as J. W.

The work as performed by the eminent brethren was of a high order, and I little thought that the tongue which uttered such eloquent words of welcome was so soon to be closed in death. This lodge for a succession of years has had the advan-

tage of being presided over by many talented brethren. The I. P. M., W. Bro. Bell, and the present Master, W. Bro. Gundy, maintain its high reputation for correct work and business administration. The books are neatly and correctly kept, and the future prosperity of the lodge assured. Old St. Andrew's Lodge has done well.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: My three visits to this lodge were of a most pleasant and satisfactory nature. I found the brethren working together in harmony, and with a determination to keep it in the very front rank. I had the pleasure of installing the officers, and on my third visit, witnessed the first degree, as exemplified by W. Bro. Hall, and the newly installed officers, assisted by the W. M.'s of St. Andrew's, Richardson, and Stevenson Lodges. W. Bro. Hall is a careful, painstaking, and correct worker, a good presiding officer, and has the entire confidence of the members. His officers are well up in their respective duties. The books are models of neatness and legibility, and from the alacrity with which the commands of the W. M. are obeyed, I am led to infer that the brethren of this lodge will support their officers in maintaining its high reputation. It is a delight and a pleasure for a D. D. G. M. to visit old King Sol.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: The brethren are justly proud of the antiquity of their lodge and endeavor on every possible occasion to uphold its lustre. The W. M., W. Bro. Nicholls, and his officers worked the third degree, and are to be congratulated, not only on the correctness of the ritual, but also on the floor work. The Past Masters are regular in their attendance, and take as much interest in the proceedings as the younger members. W. Bro. Skeele is one of the landmarks of Masonry in this district. The books are correctly kept, the furnishings of the lodge room are good, the hospitality of the brethren unbounded, and the general outlook satisfactory.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: To a genuine lover of Masonry it must indeed be a pleasure to have the privilege of initiating one's son into the ancient Craft. Such was the ceremony I witnessed on my visit to this lodge, V. W. Bro. Postlethwaite, conferring the first degree on his son. The work was performed correctly and impressively, and delighted not only myself but the large number present. The opportunity of seeing the ritual exemplified by the W. M. and officers was not afforded me, but I am given to understand that it is in keeping with the general reputation of the lodge. On this occasion I had the pleasure of meeting the Deputy Grand Master

and Grand Registrar. The books of the lodge are kept in a satisfactory manner.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple : In company with V. W. Bro. Tait I visited this lodge on May 30th, the brethren receiving us in a truly fraternal manner. The lodge room is pleasantly situated, well furnished and free from debt. The first degree was worked by the W.M., Bro. Hadwin, assisted by the regular officers. And although not claiming to be the best ritualist in the district, the W.M. is a good, earnest worker, anxious and willing to receive instruction. In conjunction with his officers, he conferred the degree very creditably, especially as that was the first candidate. The lodge is in a prosperous condition, able to pay its way, and looks with confidence to the future. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept, and the dues well paid up. The P.M.'s, of which there are quite a number, take a lively interest in the welfare of this lodge.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto : Visited this lodge on January 5th, being the night of installation of officers. Witnessed the 1st degree ; the work being done by the retiring W.M., W. Bro. McBean, and the officers of the lodge, in a highly satisfactory manner. V. W. Bro. Gallow performed the installation ceremony. Paid another official visit on March 2nd. The 1st degree being conferred on two candidates by the newly-installed officers, assisted by the W. M's. of St. Andrew's, Stevenson and King Solomon Lodge. W. Bro. Dinnis is not only a good worker, but an able administrator. His officers, from the S. W. to the I. G., are well drilled, and take a delight in performing their duties with the utmost correctness and minutest detail. I was a guest of this lodge on two occasions. First, when Erie Lodge, of Buffalo, N. Y., paid a fraternal visit to Rehoboam. The lodge was honored by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, R. W. Bro. Robertson, of Port Hope, and other eminent brethren, there being about 600 present. The visiting brethren received a most gracious welcome from our Grand Master, eliciting a happy reply from W. Bro. Dr. Clark. The visiting brethren occupied the chairs and gave an exemplification of the 3rd degree according to their ritual, which proved a most interesting and instructive, as well as a novel, ceremony. The brethren of Rehoboam seemed to be highly delighted, and gave expressions to their approval at their sumptuous banquet, which followed. W. Bro. Dinnis, as W. M. of Rehoboam, presided, and is to be congratulated on the

able and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties.

I again had the pleasure of meeting the Buffalo brethren on June 15th, when Rehoboam paid them a return visit. W. Bro. Dinnis and his officers exemplified the work of the 3rd degree before a very large number of distinguished and visiting brethren, and must say that the ceremony was performed not only in a manner which reflected the highest possible credit upon the lodge, but did honor to the eleventh Masonic District. The lodge is in a highly prosperous condition, and is to be congratulated on having such a bright set of officers.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: This lodge (at one time the most influential and prosperous in the district) is again making good headway, and if the many eminent brethren who are P.M.'s. would take a livelier interest in its welfare it would again assume its old position. The W.M., assisted by his officers, have put forth Herculean efforts during the past year to bring it up to its original standard, and have met with some measure of success, a very large proportion of the outstanding dues being collected, and the dry and withering branches being lopped off. The 3rd degree was conferred upon two candidates; the W.M., W. Bro. C. Matthews, conferring one, and W. Bro. T. Hills, a P.M., the other. The work was well done, the officers performing their part in a very satisfactory manner. The finances and general standing of the lodge are in a sound condition. The members have shown their appreciation of the efforts of the W.M. by honoring him with a second term. The future of St. John's Lodge promises to be a bright one.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: Within the portals of this grand old lodge I first received light in Masonry, therefore I made my first official visit to my mother lodge on September 20th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, P.D. D. G. M., V. W. Bro. A. A. S. Ardagh, G.S.D., and V. W. Bro. Charlton, G. S. B. The attendance of members was exceedingly large, and, need I say, the reception accorded me was more than generous. Wilson continues to prosper and maintains its high reputation for correct work, able administration and large attendance. The W. M., W. Bro. Moir, and his officers, conferred the 1st degree in a manner which left nothing to be desired. They seemed to be imbued with the idea "that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well." I had the pleasure of again visiting this lodge and installing the officers on the 20th December, and have confidence in stating that under its present régime Wilson cannot go back.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham : My official visit was made to this lodge on Feb 24th, and was greeted by a sparse attendance, 12 only being present.

The lodge is fairly prosperous, the officers having a good conception of their duties ; the Deacons, Stewards, and Inner Guard were absent.

The W. M., W. Bro. Reeve, conferred the first degree. R. W. Bro. Vanzant acting as Junior Deacon. The work was correctly done.

The Secretary's books were examined and found to be neatly and correctly kept. I am glad to be able to state that the difference existing between this lodge and Orient is amicably adjusted.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon : I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 4th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, who kindly drove me over from Newmarket. I found the lodge, as represented by him, in a very prosperous condition, the attendance was large, and the brethren full of enthusiasm. The third degree was conferred by the W. M., assisted by his officers, in a very commendable manner, the floor work being exceptionally good. I examined the books of the lodge, and found them scarcely up to the average, but believe there is an improvement in this respect.

Tuscan, No. 99, Newmarket : This being the home of the P. D. D. G. M., I expected to see perfect work, and was not disappointed. I paid my official visit to this lodge on May 10th, and although the W. M. was suffering from a very severe cold he was present and conducted the affairs of his lodge in a very satisfactory manner. The third degree, as exemplified by W. Bro. Lawrie and his officers, cannot be too highly commended : indeed it will compare favorably with the work done by any of the Metropolitan lodges. The officers answer with alacrity, the floor work is perfect, and the general outlook one for congratulation. The Secretary is indefatigable, and to his exertions may be attributed the present standing. I regretted the absence of R. W. Bro. Brunton, who was in England for the benefit of his health, and I am delighted to know he has returned much improved.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg : Through the very great kindness of W. Bro. Charles, W. M. of Rising Sun Lodge, who accompanied me from Aurora, I was enabled to visit this lodge on October 3rd. The attendance was not very large, a great many of the brethren living a considerable distance from the lodge room. Meetings are not held regularly, a scarcity

of candidates being probably the cause. I found the brethren of the lodge living in peace and quietness among themselves, fond lovers of Masonry and its teachings, and evincing a willingness to be left undisturbed in their rural felicity. They pay their dues, discharge their obligations to the Grand Lodge, and thereby preserve their charter, which they prize very highly. The W.M. opened and closed the lodge in the third degree in a satisfactory manner. He was assisted by the regular officers, who are well posted, the Secretary, W. Bro. Dr. Brereton being exceptionally painstaking. This lodge will take care of itself.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: This lodge has borne out in a very marked manner the prediction made for it by my illustrious predecessor, in that it has had a regular Masonic revival. The W.M., W. Bro. H. J. Charles, is a most indefatigable worker, an enthusiastic Mason, and untiring in his efforts to place Rising Sun in the van of first-class lodges. A good and correct worker, pleasing in address, firm as a presiding officer, under his admirable administration the lodge has gained an enviable notoriety. The first degree was worked by the W.M. and his officers in a manner which reflected the highest credit upon them. The floor work was particularly good, and everything connected with the degree showed careful study. At this meeting, although it was the night of election, the brethren found time to listen to a lecture on the second degree, delivered in a very able and lucid manner by V.W. Bro. Borngasser. This lodge has a very bright future before it, and I have no doubt that the excellent work begun by W. Bro. Charles will be continued by his successor. The officers are up in their work, the books neatly and correctly kept, the room comfortably furnished, and everything bearing evidence of the love the brethren have for the Ancient Craft. We might well say "Rising Sun" well deserves its name.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: On May 22nd, accompanied by R.W. Bro. G. J. Bennett and V. W. Bro. Ardagh, I made my official visit. Sixteen members present, also a large contingent from Uxbridge and Markham. It being the election of officers, no work was done. The lodge I am happy to say, is fairly prosperous, and much improved since the visit of the last D.D.G.M., quite a number of new candidates having being initiated. The W.M., W. Bro. Gardner, although a resident of Toronto, never misses a meeting, and to his unswerving loyalty, good management, and correct work, is due the present efficient state of Richardson Lodge. The officers

take a lively interest in its welfare, and I have no doubt that each recurring year will bring added prosperity. The books are fairly well kept, and the lodge-room nicely furnished.

York Lodge, No. 156, Eglinton : Visited this lodge at an emergent meeting on November 25th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Ardagh and V. W. Bro. Tait; witnessed the third degree at the hands of the W.M., Bro. C. C. Norris, and his officers. Bro. Norris is one of the best workers in the district, and it is a real pleasure to hear him confer this degree, his declamation being particularly fine, and his work absolutely correct. He was ably assisted by his officers. The lodge is in a highly prosperous condition, and will take equal rank with the best in the district. The prospects for further advancement are most encouraging.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto : On October 10th I paid my first official visit to this lodge, accompanied by my District Secretary. This was Past Master's night, V. W. Bro. W. C. Morrison acting W. M.; V. W. Bro. Patton, acting S.W.; and W. Bro. Woodstock, acting J. W. It is needless to say that these eminent brethren conferred the first degree, according to the late ritual, in a manner most satisfactory to the large assemblage, and on every hand words of praise followed the conclusion of the ceremony.

At this meeting V. W. Bro. Morrison gave a most instructive and entertaining history of the lodge for the past six years.

I again visited this lodge on March 13th, the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Jas. Smith on retiring from the office of Treasurer, which position he has held for the past twenty-five years. The night was a memorable one for Stevenson, the brethren evincing in a very tangible way their high appreciation of the very able manner their funds were handled by their late Treasurer.

The brethren of this lodge appear to be members of a happy family, and they are ably governed by one of the most zealous, earnest and indefatigable workers in the Craft, W. Bro. C. H. Corton the W. M. He is peculiarly fitted for his position, and the brethren have emphatically endorsed that fitness by electing him for a third term.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing the W. Bro. confer any degrees in his own lodge, but on several occasions had the opportunity of listening to him in some of the other city lodges, and find him to be one of those Masters who take particular pride in doing his work quietly, methodically, and correctly.

His reading of the ritual is most impressive, and his whole bearing one of dignity. His officers are well up in their work. The books are neatly and correctly kept, and the prosperity of the lodge undoubted.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: On October 31st I visited this lodge—a large number of members present. It maintains the reputation it has justly earned of being one of the best rural lodges. The W. M., W. Bro. Hardy, is an earnest, careful, and correct worker; his officers are zealous in the discharge of their duties, and assisted him in conferring the first degree in an excellent manner. The books are highly creditable to the Secretary: only one member being in arrears for dues. The financial position of this lodge is first-class, and its general out-look, of the best.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: It is a pleasure for me to be able to bear testimony to the uniform good work done by this lodge. The W. M. and officers conferred the third degree, and appeared to be quite capable of upholding the favorable opinion expressed by R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett. The work was correctly done, but its impressiveness was somewhat marred by discordant sounds which emanated from an ill-conducted band, which persisted in practising in a room underneath the lodge room. The books are intelligently kept, and the whole surroundings indicate prosperity.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: It is almost unnecessary for me to report upon this lodge. More than the average share of praise has been deservedly lavished upon it, and on the occasion of my visit I was greeted by a large number. The exemplification of the first degree was in the hands of the regular officers, Bro. McKnight acting as Senior Warden. W. Bro. Howson is an admirable worker, full of life and vim, which, being contagious, is shared in by his officers. A visitor can easily tell that from their accuracy and precision considerable time must have been devoted to rehearsals. The acting J. W. delivered his charge excellently. V. W. Bro. Percy worked the third degree. For quiet, clean, good work he is indeed a Past Master of which any lodge might be proud. I also had the pleasure of attending a P. M.'s night, which was a great success.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: The brethren of Patterson Lodge deserve a great deal of credit for the manner in which they have maintained an up-hill fight against adverse circumstances. Surrounded on all sides by lodges, they have initiated two during the past year. The W. M. and officers

take the liveliest interest in the lodge, and from the very creditable manner in which the work was performed the night of my visit, one would imagine that they had a candidate every meeting. I had the pleasure of installing the officers on St. John's Day. My District Chaplain is now W.M., and I am sure that if it is at all possible to galvanize new life into the lodge he will do it. The books are fairly well kept. The lodge-room nicely furnished, harmony exists, and also a determination on the part of the brethren to stand by Patterson.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Brougham: The W.M. of this lodge is a tiller of the soil. His love for the Craft is such that he thinks nothing of dropping the plough share, jumping into his buggy and driving six or eight miles "to open his lodge and employ and instruct his brethren in Masonry." The manner in which the 1st degree was worked, left nothing to be desired. The W.M. and his officers are intelligent men, anxious for instruction, and have an abiding faith in the future for the prosperity of their lodge. The Secretary thoroughly understands his business, consequently the amount of outstanding dues is not large. I am indebted to the kindness of W. Bro Dr. Eastwood, who drove me over from Pickering.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, Nobleton: The earnest work which the W. M. has expended upon this lodge deserves a much better reward, and were it not that he expressed himself as being more hopeful for the future, I would strongly recommend the withdrawal of the charter. It is really too bad that the W.M. is compelled, through the non-attendance of the members, to fill every office, from that of W.M. to Janitor. However, as he is so full of enthusiasm and sanguine as to the future, I would say, "Let him be," for he is Robertson Lodge.

Humber Lodge, 305, Weston: Prior to my visit I was informed that Humber Lodge was doing fairly well, and that the officers were proficient in their work. I found it just as stated. I witnessed the opening and closing of the three degrees by the officers. The work was up to the standard, and I know that if there had been a candidate for any of the degrees, I would have been satisfied with the progress made. This lodge, on the occasion of their annual conversazione, met with a sad accident, the floor of the lodge-room giving way, many being precipitated through the opening to the floor below. I am assured that of those hurt, all are now quite recovered. The lodge-room has been put in a state of repair, and more firmly braced than formerly. The Secretary is an old Past Master and thoroughly understands his duties.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: Although the lodge-room and its approaches may not contribute to inspiration, yet the W. M. and officers are fully equal to any emergency. On the night of my visit the first degree was given in a highly satisfactory manner, W. Bro. Cowling doing himself justice, ably assisted by the Sr. and Jr. Wardens. Here is to be found one of the best Secretaries in the district, an old Past Master, one who dearly loves the Craft, whose voice has often charmed the members of Grand Lodge, and to whose untiring efforts the lodge is indebted for its present standing. W. Brother Agar is, indeed, a treasure, the grasp of whose friendly palm will well repay any D. D. G. M. for his visit.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: Being one of the originators, or I might say the father, of this lodge, the natural bashfulness so characteristic of the Irish race might naturally prevent me from saying much in its praise, but it is more than a mere passing pleasure to have the opportunity of saying that Doric Lodge merits the kind words said of it by my predecessors. The M. W., the Grand Master, and other distinguished brethren, honored the lodge by their presence on the night of my official visit, which happened to be "military night," an event peculiar to this lodge, because of the large number of members connected with the volunteer force. It is needless for me to say that I was received by my brethren in the most fraternal and enthusiastic manner, being the recipient of an elegantly illuminated address, appreciative of the honor conferred, by the unanimous selection of myself to represent the M. W. the G. M. in this district. At the regular meeting in December I installed the officers, and again visited the lodge on May 18th. The W. M. and officers conferred the first degree. The W. M., laying no claim to oratorical ability, nor striving after effect, does his work in an earnest and correct manner. He is fully alive to his great responsibility, and aims to keep his lodge well up to the front. The officers are imbued with the same desire, receiving strong support from the Past Masters. The exemplary manner in which the books of the lodge are kept, speaks for itself.

Zetland Lodge, No. 369, Toronto: The proud boast of this lodge is that it is principally composed of "Knights of the Grip," and one is led to believe, from their zeal and assiduity, that they take as much interest in promoting the welfare of their lodge as they do in the pushing of their own wares. The first degree was exemplified on the night of my first visit, Sept. 23rd, the W. M. performing the ceremony in his usual

easy, gentlemanly style. The S.W. was perfect, while the delivery of the J.W.'s charge by that officer could not but satisfy the most fastidious. The floor work of the Junior Deacon was exceptionally good; in fact, I think, the best I had seen. At this meeting, the D.D.G.M. of the 17th District received the honor of installation at the hands of the M.W. the P.G.M. The Past Masters of Zetland covered themselves with glory on October 28th, their regular Past Master's night, when W. Bros. Hay, O'Hara and Hohl occupied the chairs, and worked the three degrees, evoking high praise from the Grand Lodge officers, who were present in large numbers, namely, Hon. J. M. Gibson, M. W. Grand Master: R.W. Bros. W.R. White, D.G.M.; R. W. Barker, G.S.W.; George Inglis, G.J.W.; F.F. Manley, Grand Registrar: V.W. Bro. A.A.S. Ardagh, G.S.D.: R.W. Bro. Beck, D.D.G.M. No. 4, and R. W. Bro. Thornton, D.D.G.M. No. 13. At the conclusion of the ceremony an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, when about 400 visitors sat down to partake of a sumptuous repast prepared for them by their brethren of Zetland, under the able presidency of R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, who wielded the gavel. A most enjoyable time was spent. There is no fear of Zetland.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: Situated beyond but close to the classic waters of the River Don, ensconced in an elaborately furnished room, with all the necessary accommodation, this lodge continues to diffuse light and instruction to all who seek to enter its gates. The work of the first degree, as performed the night I was there, was very well done, the W.M. and officers being thoroughly proficient. The Secretary, I believe, is a permanent one, and well acquainted with his duties, except as to the necessity of furnishing the D.D.G.M. with the regular monthly notices. As stated before, this lodge has settled its difference with Markham Union.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Sutton: Would that the condition and prospects of this lodge were such that I could say there was great hope of improvement. Before visiting this lodge I wrote a personal letter to every member to meet me, and must say the result was gratifying. The S.W. and Secretary were unavoidably absent. I found the remainder of the officers very well posted, the opening and closing in the three degrees being creditably done. I installed the officers on my second visit, and perhaps new life may be infused into the members by their selection. The greater portion living at a considerable distance, it is a difficult matter for them to attend, hence the meetings are not held regularly. There are, however, a few good men and

true left, and perhaps with the assistance of W. Bros. Bently and Tremayne, who are never absent, the lodge may make some headway. I trust such may be the case.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: The brethren are justly proud of the numerical strength of the lodge, and also of the business manner in which its affairs are conducted. At my visit the first degree was given, the work of the W. M. being careful and conscientious. The S. and J. W. were very good, the charge of the J. W. being noticeable for its accuracy and distinctness. The books are correctly and clearly kept, and the lodge bears evidence of the care and attention bestowed upon it by its Past Masters.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: My only regret is that I could not pay this lodge a second visit. I was deeply impressed with the excellent character of the work, the W. M. being an exceptionally good worker, also the Senior and Junior Wardens, while the subordinate officers were thoroughly ground in their duties. The Secretary is an old Past Master, and will be found to be well acquainted with his duties, and to take a pleasure and delight in the strict fulfilment of the same. The lodge room is conveniently situated and furnished, and the brethren whole-souled Masons. Brock Lodge will always give a good account of itself.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: The clouds of adversity which once seemed to have enveloped this lodge have been pierced by the sun of returning prosperity, and the long and patient perseverance of the brethren, who in season and out of season have remained true to its best interests, have been rewarded with phenomenal success. Eleven candidates have passed the trying ordeal of the ballot, and been initiated during the past twelve months, truly a wonderful showing for a lodge situated as River Park is. This is altogether due to the brethren themselves, and the abiding faith they have in the stability of their own lodge. It was a pleasure then for me to pay an official visit and find the lodge not only numerically prosperous, but officered by a set of men capable of conferring the several degrees in a manner which stamped them at once as being close and attentive students of the ritual. The lodge is prosperous in every particular, and bids fair to be more so in the future.

St. George's Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: A growing and representative lodge, noted for the large number of members thoroughly posted in the Constitution, and who can rise to a "point of order" on the slightest provocation. Under these

circumstances it is unnecessary to say that the officers have their work cut out for them. However, they seem to understand that, and have governed their lodge with much ability. That feeling of turbulent agitation which once possessed the lodge has happily passed away, and the best of feeling prevails. Both the P. M. and the present W. M. are eminent workers in the Craft, and the several officers of the lodge vie with each other in performing the several duties correctly and with dispatch. The success of this lodge is assured.

In the death of R. W. Bro. Jno. A. Wills, P. G. S. W., the lodge has lost a valued and highly esteemed brother.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills : This lodge is comfortably situated, and, although its growth is not very rapid, the members take quite an interest in the meetings. Not having any candidate the night I was there, no work was done. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, which he did correctly. From its close proximity to the city and surrounding lodges, I do not look for any marked advancement as regards numbers. However, there are many old P. M.'s in this lodge who will never see it go down.

Alpha Lodge No. 384, Toronto : I availed myself of the opportunity of an emergent meeting to be present and witness the conferring of the third degree by the W. M. and officers and, although I know the W. M. to be a good and careful worker, yet on this occasion, he did not do either himself or the lodge justice, probably this arose from the fact that it was his first attempt, having divided up the work with the Past Masters during the past year. A very large number of candidates have been put through, and in this regard the W. M. has shown his untiring energy.

The lodge is in a prosperous condition, but its arrearages for dues are altogether too large.

The officers are punctual in their attendance, well-skilled, and render every assistance required.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto : Governed by Past Masters, who have already made themselves famous in the Craft, as correct and brilliant workers, and able administrators, it is not to be wondered at that this lodge is once more taking its place among the foremost of the city lodges. Presided over by a P. D. D. G. M., it would be a task foreign to my nature, to criticise work so ably and efficiently done as that by the present W. M. and officers, who conferred the first degree. An exceedingly large number of the city Masters were present when I visited Zeta Lodge, and the W. M. not being at all churlish,

divided up the work with them, which added considerable attractiveness to the ceremony. A more than pleasant hour was spent at the refreshment board, and I departed feeling that the destinies of Zeta were in competent hands;

In addition to a comfortably furnished lodge-room, this lodge possesses a masonic library, in which is to be found a complete set of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, the only one known to me as existing in the district.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: One of the young lodges of the district, but fast approaching its older sisters. Presided over by a brainy Mason, it is no wonder Doric has made such prodigious strides. I saw the W. M. confer the first degree in a manner that would do credit to any Worshipful Master. He was ably assisted by the S. W., while the J. W. delivered his charge in an exemplary manner. The Secretary is devoted to his work; witness the cleanliness, neatness and legibility of his books. The prospects of this lodge are of the brightest.

Stanley Lodge, No. 426, Toronto Junction: The dedication and consecration of this thriving lodge took place on November 15th, the ceremony being performed by the Hon. J. M. Gibson, M.W.G.M., and M.W. Bro. J. R. Robertson, P.G.M., assisted by R. W. Bros. R. W. Barker, G.S.W.; F. F. Manley, G.R.; V.W. Bros. A. A. S. Ardagh, G.S.D.; Robt. Charlton, G.S.B., and R. W. Bro. Wm. Simpson, P.G.R. (G. L. of M.): R. W. Bro. Bennett as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The ceremony was most impressive, and commended itself to the large number of brethren present, as being much more suitable than the old one.

On this occasion, the members of Stanley distinguished themselves for the elaborate manner in which they entertained their guests.

I had the pleasure of installing the officers on Jan. 3rd, and from a personal knowledge of their attainments, am constrained to believe that they will acquit themselves so as to bring the largest amount of honor and success to their lodge. With a magnificent lodge-room, gorgeously furnished, able and zealous workers, this lodge bids fair to be the banner lodge west of Toronto.

Acacia Lodge, U. D., East Toronto: Like its sister lodge of West Toronto, it occupies a new lodge-room, generous in size, perfect in detail, and handsomely furnished. Situated in a growing and well-populated locality, this lodge has every reason to expect a large measure of prosperity. The officers are well up in all the requirements of the ritual, and the W.M.

is a capital presiding officer. The work, as exemplified by them on two occasions, would lead one to believe that it was an old-established lodge, rather than one under dispensation. The books are correctly and neatly kept, and I have the greatest possible pleasure in recommending a charter to issue to this lodge, knowing full well that it will be highly prized, and faithfully and diligently guarded.

MASONIC FUNERALS.

The large outlay to which some of the lodges, especially in the city of Toronto, are put to annually in defraying the funeral expenses of deceased brethren, led me to make enquiries from which I conclude that what was meant to be an aid and relief is growing into a system extravagant in extent, and pernicious in effect.

Lodges themselves are largely to blame in this respect. A revision of their By-laws is entrusted to a committee, which in its desire to elaborate, very often introduces matters foreign to the spirit and intent of the Constitution. The understanding that a brother to be entitled to a Masonic funeral must be a Master Mason in affiliation with some lodge, is not to be interpreted to mean that the expenses of that funeral are to be defrayed by his brethren, when at the same time the immediate connexions of the deceased brother are in a position to take responsibility upon themselves. The evil complained of arises from the fact that By-laws fixing the minimum amount to be expended for a funeral is too often held to mean an obligation on the part of the lodge to pay the amount.

A Masonic funeral means the attendance of the brethren, and the funeral service according to Masonic usage, and as such is to be regarded as a high honor and privilege. The payment of funeral expenses, except in cases of extreme need and distress, is, to say the least of it, a questionable compliment to the friends of the deceased, and is unmistakably unfair to the brethren of the lodge, whose funds are called upon to meet what is very often a heavy outlay.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

Another feature which bears hardly on the lodges in the city is the necessity for assembling and convening a lodge prior to taking part in the funeral services and cortege at the residence of the deceased.

The inconvenience occasioned to business men by a loss of time involved cannot be under-estimated, and opinions gleaned from many brethren on this subject lead me to the belief that

if permission were given for the brethren to assemble at the house of mourning, and to disperse subsequently at the cemetery, it would be hailed with satisfaction : the matter, at any rate, might be left discretionary with the Worshipful Master.

EXPENSES OF D. D. G. M.

The following lodges paid my expenses :

Richmond Lodge, No. 23 ; Vaughan Lodge, No. 54 ; Markham Union Lodge, No. 87 ; Tuscan Lodge, No. 99 ; Zeredetha Lodge, No. 220 ; Brock Lodge, No. 354 ; River Park Lodge, No. 356. In all, \$16.

CONCLUSION.

My brethren, I have finished : the highest point of my Masonic ambition has been attained. The very great honor done me by my brethren of this district in unanimously choosing me to preside over them, is fully appreciated by myself, and far beyond my merits.

In handing over this large and influential district to my successor, I feel I have but imperfectly discharged my duties, but the many kindnesses and more than warm hand-grasps I have received from my brethren, will go far to reconcile me to many short-comings.

I would be wanting in courtesy if I did not acknowledge the kindly advice and assistance rendered me by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, R. W. Bros. G. J. Bennett and E. T. Malone.

All of which is fraternally submitted

HARRY A. COLLINS, D. D. G. M.,
Toronto District No. 11.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Toronto District, No. 11, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	MEMBERSHIP.		DEGREE'S CONF'D			MEETINGS HELD.			Amount paid for relief.	No. of Members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.						
			Total No. of all members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.	Affiliation.	Restorations.									Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	192	19	15	12	10	11	9	1	5	7	0	3	11	7	\$16 50	63	\$582 65	Dec. '92	Yes	N't giv'n		
22	K. Solomon's	Toronto	166	15	15	14	13	12	1	0	6	5	0	4	12	5	156 50	26	112 60	Dec. 27, '92.	Yes	Hill B'd.		
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill.	27	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	12	1	24 75	7	21 6	June 24, '92.	Yes	Fair		
25	Ionie	Toronto	191	12	1	9	9	8	3	0	1	0	0	0	9	3	323 36	3	26 00	June 24, '93	Yes	N't giv'n		
54	Vaughan	Maple	45	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	none	5	28 14	Dec. 27, '92.	Yes	1,800 00		
65	Rehoboth	Toronto	200	22	12	13	12	12	8	1	5	4	0	3	12	4	57 00	7	82 50	June 24, '93.	Yes	N't giv'n		
75	St. John's	Toronto	183	10	18	8	8	8	3	0	6	1	3	11	5	34	227 30	35	317 50	Jan. 14, '93.	Yes	N't giv'n		
86	Wilson	Toronto	133	14	7	8	7	4	2	3	4	0	2	10	2	21	25 00	20	130 00	June 24, '92.	Yes	N't giv'n		
87	Markham U.	Markham	35	4	2	4	5	5	0	1	1	0	0	13	0	13	n't giv	1	2 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Yes	800 00		
97	Sharon	Sharon	60	3	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	70 00	35	125 05	Feb. 27, '93.	Yes	N't giv'n		
99	Tuscan	Newmarket.	41	5	2	1	1	1	4	0	2	0	0	13	0	13	10 00	14	93 00	April, '93	Yes	300 00		
118	Union	Schomberg	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	3	8	5 00	6	40 00	Dec. '92	No	300 00		
129	Rising Sun.	Aurora	64	7	1	12	12	8	4	1	1	0	0	13	9	22	20 00	9	33 00	June, '92	Yes	2,200 00		
136	Richardson	Stouffville	27	2	3	1	4	1	0	2	0	1	8	1	9	14	20 00	7	70 00	June 24, '93.	Yes	200 00		
154	York	Eggington	101	14	4	12	11	13	1	1	2	1	0	12	6	27	62 83	23	138 45	June 23, '93.	Yes	600 00		
218	Stevenson	Toronto	176	16	9	14	11	15	0	2	6	1	0	2	12	4	124 10	24	184 55	Dec. '92	Yes	Hill's st		
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	63	7	2	6	6	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	13	1	n't giv	1	2 50	Dec. 27, '92.	Yes	500 00		
229	Ionie	Brampton	71	6	5	5	5	5	1	0	4	1	0	0	13	16	n't giv	21	125 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Yes	400 00		
247	Ashlar	Toronto	159	13	3	10	9	8	2	1	2	1	0	10	3	37	14 00	2	46 50	Dec. 30, '92.	Yes	750 00		
265	Patterson	Thornhill	36	2	13	2	2	1	0	0	8	0	1	13	12	15	00	6	245 00	Dec. 24, '92.	Yes	300 00		
269	Brough'm U.	Brougham	41	9	8	6	7	4	2	1	1	2	0	0	10	9	n't giv	7	26 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Yes	300 00		

APPENDIX.

"REMINISCENCES OF IRISH LODGES IN CANADA."

At the regular meeting of the Toronto Past Masters' Association, the following interesting paper was read by R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, Hon. President :—

To the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the Irish Lodges under that jurisdiction is due the honor and distinction of having established the first Freemasons' Lodges in Canada and other Colonies under the British Crown, also that to the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, is due the credit of being the first to urge the necessity of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge in the interests of Freemasonry in Canada.

In explanation and demonstration of the above propositions, I shall first call your attention to V. W. Brother Robert Freke Gould's history of Freemasonry published in 1887. At page 59, Vol III., he states "The 46th Foot when stationed in Ireland, 1752, received a Lodge warrant, No. 227, from the Grand Lodge of that Country. In 1757 it embarked at Cork for Nova Scotia, and remained in North America until October, 1761, when it sailed for Barbadoes, and took part in the capture of Martinique, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Havannah. With this introduction I shall now call your attention to the "Reminiscences" of M. W. Brother J. H. Graham, P. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, published in the history of "Freemasonry and Concordant Orders" in 1891 Henry Leonard Stillson being the Editor in Chief, and the well known Masonic writer, William James Hughan, European Editor, M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, P. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Historian of the Canadian Centenary on Saint John's Day, December, 1891, also contributed a full description of "Craft Masonry in Ontario." M. W. Bro. Graham, at page 478 "Reminiscences," states, "Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, No. 1 Q R., was of Irish Institution No. 227, and was named the Lodge of "Social and Military Virtues." It was warranted May 4th, 1752, Lord Kingsborough, G M., and was attached to the 46th Regiment of Light Infantry. For nearly a century its meetings were held in many countries throughout the world. In 1756 Lodge meetings were held at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A meeting of the Lodge was held on St. John's Day in December, after the taking of Quebec by General Wolfe in September, 1759, and in 1760 it held its first meeting in Montreal shortly after the capitulation of the city to the British. In 1764-66 the 46th was in several of the American (U. S. A.) Colonies, and "tradition" indicates that it was during this period that Lodge No. 227 became possessed of the famous old Bible (of date 1712) which was used when George Washington received a degree in Freemasonry, but whether in Lodge or Chapter does not appear. This "tradition" seems to have very considerable incidental documentary evidence in

its support. In reference to this "tradition" I may quote another extract from Bro. Gould's History of Freemasonry, page 421, Vol. III. "He (George Washington) was initiated in the Fredericksburg Lodge, Virginia, November 4th, 1752, and became a Master Mason, August 4th, 1753. This Lodge derived its authority from Boston, but obtained a Scottish Charter in 1758, which seems on the whole to fortify a conjecture which has been advanced by Haydn, that Washington was "healed and re-obligated" in "No. 227 (46th Foot) in order to qualify him for admission into a Lodge held under warrant from the Grand Lodge of Ireland." This explanation may account for the two Bibles, one being in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and the other in Albion Lodge, Quebec. In reference to this also, I may give my own experience. The late M. W. Bro. Wilson, 1st Grand Master of Canada, informed me that in passing through the American lines during the war in 1862, by the magic influence of Masonic Brethren in both Armies, he saw the Bible in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Lodge, of course not working. The Bible in Albion Lodge, Quebec, was shown to me in 1851, by the late M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, P. G. M., of Canada, who on the 1st of May, 1852, was installed Provincial Grand Master of Quebec and Three Rivers. Albion Lodge No. 2 Q. R., was originally No. 9 A., 1787, the warrant being one month and eighteen days after the date of Antiquity, No. 1. In 1767 the 46th Regiment returned to Ireland, and it landed at Staten Island, New York, in 1776.

In 1777-78 the 46th was stationed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and during this period its famous "bullock chest with brass mountings" containing the Lodge warrant, working tools, regalia, etc., fell into the hands of the American troops; but it was shortly thereafter returned to the Regiment by Brother General George Washington, under the flag of truce, and escorted by a guard of honor. In 1808 whilst the Regiment was at Dominica, the "sacred old trunk" was captured by the French troops, but it was returned to the Regiment by Napoleon I. In 1816 (1817) the 46th with its famous Lodge No. 227, I. R., arrived at Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Australia, where No. 227 held meetings. A warrant No. 260, I. R., of date (?) August 12th, 1820, was obtained by certain Brethren at Sydney for establishing the "first Lodge on the Continent of Australia," which was called the Australian Mother Lodge. In 1877 this Lodge became No. 1 on the registry of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. At the "constitution" of No. 260 the "famous Bible," the working tools, and regalia of the renowned No. 227 were used; and the work on that memorable occasion was probably, in most part, done by its officers.

In 1846 "the 46th" was at Kingston, Canada West (now Ontario), and the Lodge property was then given to Brother Sergeant Major W. Sheppard, of the Royal Artillery, for the purpose of establishing a permanent Military Lodge at Montreal, Canada East (Quebec). At this period (1847-48) the Grand Lodge of Ireland granted a removal of the warrant. In 1857 the Lodge became of Allegiance

to the Grand Lodge of Canada, its name being changed to "Antiquity" and it was authorized to wear "gold." It united with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in 1874—No. 227, with a renewed warrant, has found a resting-place in Dublin, Ireland.

The record of the Grand Centenary celebration of the Masonic Female Orphan School of Ireland, held in Dublin from May the 17th to the 21st in 1892, gives a full history of the annals of the Dublin Lodges, and the Provincial Grand Lodges. The great success of this celebration held under the auspices of the M. W. Grand Master, His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, and His Duchess, ought to be a fraternal lesson to the Canadian Brethren to do likewise, and personally I often regret that our Masonic Asylum fund, now amounting to over \$12,000, has been allowed to remain in a stagnant condition, when it should be employed in establishing an important and useful Masonic charity for Canada.

It may be interesting to the Past Master to give a few extracts from the records of the Dublin Lodges—"Trim" Lodge, No. 494, was originally worked at Trim, County of Meath, and was removed to Dublin, 1838, has inscribed on its roll the name of the Earl of Mornington, who was Grand Master of Ireland in 1776, father of the renowned Duke of Wellington, who was his fourth son, and raised a Master Mason in 1775. His name is signed A. Welsey. instead of Wellesley, which was in his young days a habit of the "Iron Duke." Another celebrated General, who is well known and respected in Canada, as having commanded the troops that suppressed the Riel rebellion in 1870, Lord Wolseley was, upon St. Patrick's day, 1854, initiated by dispensation, being under 21 years, in the "Military Lodge, No. 728." On the 19th of February, 1892, Lord Wolseley, Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in Ireland, was installed Senior Warden of his old Lodge in his native land, to which he auspiciously returned loaded with honors and distinction.

There are other incidents connected with the records of the 37 Dublin Lodges, of which mention might be made, but further reference would be beyond the limits of these "Reminiscences." In Tasmania, according to Bro. Gould's History, page 392, Vol. III., "Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ireland were established at Hobart Town in 1823, 1829, 1833 and 1834, but the three earliest of the series are now extinct. Also at page 397, Vol. III., it is stated "The Gibraltar Lodge No. 128, I. R., in the 39th Foot, 'Primuss in Indus,' claims to have made the first Mason in India, under an European warrant in 1757. It subsequently founded numerous Lodges in various parts of Hindostan. There is a stone let into the wall in Fort William, Calcutta, commemorative of the early history of this Lodge. All its working tools and jewels fell into the hands of the enemy during the Peninsula war, but were subsequently returned to the Regiment.

Bro. Gould gives a very interesting history of the "Sea and Field Lodges." Chap. XXX., Vol. III., at page 396, it is stated, "The Irish jurisdiction has always included the greater number of (British) Army lodges, and in 1813 possessed a military following of 123

lodges. At the same date, the number of lodges in regiment, under the other British Grand Lodges, and without counting the remote pendicles under Provincial Grand Lodges in foreign parts was England, 15; Ancients, 62; Scotland, 18. This total has declined in 1886 to 15 lodges, of which 9 are Irish and the remainder English. Bro. Hughan, in his introduction to the History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders states, page 32: The York brethren started a "Grand Lodge of all England," in 1725, and kept it alive for some twenty years. After a short interval, it was revived in 1761, and continued to work until 1792, when it collapsed. Prior to this date several subordinates were chartered.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, at Dublin, was formed 1728-29, but there was one held previously at Cork, as the "Grand Lodge for Munster," certainly as early as 1725. The Scottish brethren did not follow the example set by England until 1736, and then managed to secure Brother William St. Clair, of Roslin, as their Grand Master, whose ancestors by deeds of A.D. 1600-1628 had been patrons of the Craft, but *never Grand Masters*, though that distinction has been long claimed as hereditary in that Masonic family.

From this trio of Grand Lodges, situated in Great Britain and Ireland, have sprung all the thousands of lodges, wherever distributed in this "wide, wide world." Through their agency, and particularly that of the "Military" lodges of last century, the Craft has been planted far and wide. Though there is evidence to prove that brethren assembled in America, and probably elsewhere, in lodges, prior to the formation of either of these Grand Lodges, or quite apart from such influence, as in Philadelphia in 1731 or earlier, and in New Hampshire soon afterward, the latter apparently having their manuscript copy of the "old charges," nothing has ever been discovered, to my knowledge, which connects such meetings with the working of the historic "three degrees" of last century origin, and past Grand Lodges. In the chapter on "Sea and Field Lodges," Vol. III., page 412, it is stated, "Owing to the loss of a great part of its records by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the number of stationary lodges warranted in America from that jurisdiction must remain a matter of uncertainty. Lodge 74, in the 1st Foot, as we have already seen, gave an exact copy of its warrant to a set of brethren at Albany, N.Y., in 1759, and it is unreasonable to believe that it was a solitary instance of the kind. Shultz mentions three lodges of unknown origin in Maryland, as having existed in 1759, 1761, and 1763, and it is possible, to say the least, that one or more of them may have derived authority, either directly or indirectly from Ireland. Dove also, in his account of the early lodges in Virginia, names the Irish as one of the five jurisdictions by which that state was Masonically occupied in 1777. Bro. Gould, in his history, also states, in Australia, as in Canada, the Irish Lodge first raised the flag of Independence, but in the former, unlike the latter country, there was not the continuity of feeling, produced by an equal pressure of discontent, which had induced the brethren under the three British jurisdictions in North America to unite for the furtherance of one common end." The first important step in

reference to the establishment of an Independent Grand Lodge for Canada occurred at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of Upper Canada, held in Toronto, Oct 21st, A. L. 5852, notice having been given at the previous meeting in May. A resolution was proposed by the late W. Bro. G. B. Hall, Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, and seconded by myself, being Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge at that time, to the following effect: "That it is absolutely necessary for the welfare of Masonry in the Province that an Independent Grand Lodge should be established, having full power to control the workings and operations of the Craft in this quarter of the globe, and that all funds accruing from the same should be retained by the said Grand Lodge to meet the urgent necessities of the Craft in the Province." This was carried unanimously. At the following May meeting of P. G. Lodge in 5853, this was rescinded. In the reminiscences of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which I read at a meeting of King Solomon Lodge, No 22, on the 8th of April, 5886, I find it stated, "As we would not succeed in obtaining an Independent Grand Lodge through the influence of the Provincial Grand Lodge, our attention naturally turned to the lodge working under the Irish jurisdiction, and as I was a Past Master of King Solomon at the time, the matter was brought before the brethren of this lodge on the 10th of November, 5853. There were several resolutions adopted unanimously, which have been printed in full in the history of King Solomon Lodge, but I shall only refer to the first, which was proposed by myself, and seconded by Brother Charles Fitzgibbon, Senior Warden, and carried unanimously.

NOTE.—W. Bro. Charles Fitzgibbon, a Past Master of King Solomon Lodge, was the eldest son of Col. James Fitzgibbon, who was Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 5822, as recorded by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson in his outline history of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. (Fourth period.)

Resolved, 1st that, considering the rapid increase of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, being now ten in number, and the necessity that exists for having a ruling power in Canada West, it is desirable that a convention, to be composed of the W. Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of said Lodges be held forthwith to consult on the best means to be adopted for attaining the above object, and for the benefit of the Craft generally in Canada West.

According to the list which I received from the late Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother T. B. Harris, on the 8th of November, 5853, the following Lodges were notified: Hawkesbury, No. 159; St. John's, London, No. 209; King Solomon, Toronto, No. 222; St. John's, Hamilton, No. 231; King Hiram, Ingersol, No. 226; Saint Thomas, No. 232; Port Stanley, No. 211; Saint John's, York, No. 286; Harmony, Binbrook, No. 258; Wellington, Stratford, No. 359. There was also an Irish Lodge in Quebec, No. 237, and the famous old No. 227, "Social and Military Virtues," Montreal. These two latter Lodges did not attend the meeting of the Lodges

in Hamilton, but were represented at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada in October, 5853. The proceedings at the meeting of the Irish Lodges held in Hamilton on the 24th of November, 5853, at London on the 4th of May, 5854, and on the 9th of November, 5854, at Toronto, are duly recorded in the history of King Solomon Lodge. At the meeting held in Toronto in November, 5854, it was resolved "That the offer of a Provincial Grand Lodge, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland, leaving the nomination of the Provincial Grand Master to this convention, be accepted, provided that the Grand Lodge grants to this Provincial Grand Lodge the privilege of issuing warrants and certificates, retaining the fees. A nominal value for such privilege to be fixed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge." It was also resolved that "W. Brothers P. Masters Tully and Allen do draft a statement of facts showing why such powers are required, to be submitted to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland." At the same meeting, at which I was present, "W. Bro. P. M. James Daniels of Saint John's Lodge 209, London, C. W., was then elected Provincial Grand Master, subject to the conditions of the foregoing resolutions." The statement was duly prepared and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and an answer received early in 5855, that "a Provincial Grand Lodge could not be granted on any other terms than those usually granted, and with the prescribed powers granted to other Provincial Grand Lodges."

A meeting of King Solomon Lodge was held on the 10th of May, 5855, when it was resolved that "The Delegates of this Lodge be instructed to advocate at the meeting in Hamilton, on the 14th instant, an united action with the English Lodges of Canada West, for the purpose of petitioning the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland to grant an united separate Grand Lodge for this province." At the meeting in Hamilton on the 14th of May, "Delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Niagara Falls on the 19th of July, to urge the propriety of united action in the erection of an Independent Grand Lodge." The result of that meeting, at which I was present, and the Convention which was afterwards held at Hamilton on the 10th of October, 5855, at which I was not present for proper reasons, when the Grand Lodge of Canada was established, are fully recorded in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

NOTE.—The reason why I was not present at the Convention in Hamilton, when the Grand Lodge of Canada was established, was owing to the pledge which was given by late R. W. Bro. Parnell, P. G. M. for North Munster, and Representative of the G. L. of Canada, that, as I owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, being a member of No. 13.

I could not be a rebel to my own Grand Lodge and did not attend a meeting until the Grand Lodge of Ireland recognized the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Having thus proved that the Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of Ireland, were the first to urge in Canada the ne-

cessity of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge, I can also prove from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that the Grand Lodge of Ireland was the first Grand Lodge to acknowledge the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the 3rd of April, 5856, and I was appointed the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the 1st of October, 5857, at the Grand Lodge of Canada, the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, which was duly acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada at the session of 5858, when the Union of the two Grand Lodges was happily consummated in Toronto.

As the G.A.O.T.U. has spared my life to act as the Representative of the G.L. of Ireland since that time, I consider it is fitting and proper that I should uphold the reputation and dignity of that Grand Lodge by claiming for the Irish Lodges, the distinction of having introduced Freemasonry into Canada, and other British Colonies, and being the first to urge the establishment of an Independent Grand Lodge in Canada.

KIVAS TULLY,
Rep. G.L. of Ireland in Canada.

Toronto, May 30th, 5893.

ADDITION TO THE "REMINISCENCES."

N.B.—Since writing the above, I notice that General Wolseley is now W.M. of the "Military Lodge." No. 728. Dublin; as appears from the following notice taken from the "*Irish Times*," May 29th, 1893.

MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

We understand that General the Right Hon. Viscount Wolseley, Commander of the Forces in Ireland, has intimated his intention of taking part in the procession this evening, as Master of his Lodge. His Lordship has already expressed his appreciation of the school drill and marching of the children, and it is expected that on this occasion there will be a large attendance of the officers of the garrison

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the twelfth Masonic District :

Having been elected to the honorable position of D.D.G.M., I have endeavored to fill the responsible position to the best of my ability.

Feeling that accuracy in the work of our beautiful ritual is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be especially in that direction. I endeavored to make a specialty of the work in every detail, and on my visits, endeavored to correct the errors where they appeared. This I found most acceptable to the brethren.

Although I am pleased to report that the majority do the work very well, I found that sharpness of action and accuracy of detail, particularly in the subordinate offices, was not up to the mark, and I impressed upon the brethren that no matter what the office, or how little the work, just as much interest should be taken in doing that little as well as if it were the principal office in the lodge, and I trust that my efforts in that direction will be conducive of at least some good. I found some deviations in our secret work in some instances that required correction. I endeavored to impress upon the Worshipful Masters and officers, not only the desirability, but the duty they owed the prosperity of the lodge, that they should give it their deepest interest, and have weekly practice meetings, and their lodge must flourish ; for the lodges wherein the work is best done are the most progressive. I adopted a system of marking as to quality of the work that I have seen done in the different lodges where I have had the opportunity of seeing the work exemplified, as to exactness of wording, manner given, floor work, the merit of each officer's work, and the average taken. I did this impartially and without the knowledge of the lodges, and herewith give the result. Composite, No. 30, Whitby, 9 ; Ontario, No. 26, Port Hope, 8.60 ; Clementi, No. 313, Lakefield, 8.40 ; Corinthian, No. 101, Peterborough, 8.20 ; Peterboro', No. 155, 8.20 ; Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay, 8.20 ; Verulam, No. 268, Bobcaygeon, 8.166 ; Cedar, No. 270, Oshawa, 8.00 ; Hope, No. 114, Port Hope, 8.20 ; Fidelity U. D., Port Perry, 4.60.

Lodges of Instruction are no doubt very good, but I think

if Grand Lodge appointed a Grand Lecturer, an expert in the work in its minutest detail, whose duty it would be to visit every lodge in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, and, with the officers, work the degrees in every lodge, it would be most beneficial. The condition of Masonry in this district on the whole is prosperous. There is in some few cases a quietness, still the majority are doing well. We are not booming, but there is that steady increase that is healthiest. We have in this district twenty-two lodges, with a membership of just 2,000. Increase during the year, 54; decrease from resignations, suspensions, and deaths, 42. There are 164 Past Masters, and, all told, we have 227 votes in Grand Lodge. Financially, we are in a good position. Our lodge rooms are all that could be desired, and very many of them handsomely furnished, and, without exception, fully insured. In most cases the dues should be better collected, and although no doubt the attention of the lodges is annually called to the fact by the D. D. G. M., with unfailing regularity it presents itself; still I am glad to report we are doing better in this respect, if but little. I must mention Keene as our banner lodge in this respect, they having none over twelve months in arrears, and a total arrearage of but \$9. Fidelity, U. D., reports none in arrears and no arrearages, but it has been but little over a year in existence. Grand Lodge dues are pretty well paid up. The Spry Lodge is considerably behind, but W. M. promises to have paid up very soon.

HARMONY.

In the main, peace and harmony exist throughout the district. There was some little difficulty between Victoria Lodge and the Spry Lodge as to invasion of jurisdiction, but that has been amicably settled, the Spry Lodge to pay over to Victoria Lodge the amount of the initiation fee. I feel satisfied that I can report that brotherly love continues.

REGALIA.

In a circular that I issued to the lodges shortly after my election, I called their attention to the dilapidated condition of the district regalia that had been some twenty-three years in service, and requested that a new one be procured, and called upon them to contribute their share of the cost. This has been done by sixteen. There are six of the lodges whose contributions I am obliged to ask the incoming D. D. G. M. to collect.

SUSPENSIONS.

I was notified that on the 7th of April last Bro. A. V. R. Young was tried by Peterboro' Lodge, No. 155, upon certain charges preferred against him—Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry—untruthfulness—obtaining moneys or securities which he turned into money, from the brethren, and appropriating to himself the funds of an insurance company for which he acted as agent—and was sentenced by the aforesaid lodge to indefinite suspension, which sentence now stands recorded against him.

DEATHS.

In recalling the events of the past year, the surprise we have to fear of that change that must come to us all, has not been a rare occurrence, but a familiar one, for we have been furnished with many examples. While we know the sad messenger approaches, we persuade ourselves he is afar off, and do not realize until he is upon us. I have had reported to me thirteen deaths, the most that have been reported for years at least. On the 14th October, last, R. W. Bro. John B. Trayes, P. D. D. G. M. of this district, passed to the unknown beyond. He was installed W. M. of Ontario on the 27th December, 1870, and held the office of D. D. G. M. for the years 1873, 1874, and 1875, and was well known at our meetings of Grand Lodge, and a member of the Board of General Purposes, for many years. His body was carried to its last resting-place by six P. Dist. Dep. Grand Masters, and the large number of the fraternity that attended the last sad rites accorded to our distinguished brother showed the respect and esteem in which he was held. Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, reports the death of an old and much respected Mason, W. Bro. Geo. Edwards, P. M., of Lorne Lodge, 2nd January, 1893. The body of our late Bro. W. H. Grandy, was sent to Omemee from Council Bluffs, and was buried with Masonic honors by the Omemee brethren. He was a Knight Templar, also, and the commandery of which he was a member sent a frater to accompany the body to its last resting-place, and pay the last sad office of respect, some 2,000 miles. W. Bro. Thomas Campbell, P. M. of Keene Lodge, No. 374, died in February, 1893, an old and much beloved member of that lodge. Lebanon, No. 139, Oshawa, reports: Bro. Ebenezer W. Ayls worth died 23rd May, in his 60th year. Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay,—Bro. J. E. Dunham died December, 1892, and W. McBurney, 7th April, 1893. Verulam, No. 268, Bobcaygeon,—Bro. Norman Burnhart died 12th April, 1893.

Corinthian, No. 101, Peterboro', - Bro. Charles Burnham, 23rd July, 1892. Durham, No. 66, Newcastle, - W. Bro. Jas. P. Lovekin, P. M., and hon. member. W. Bro. Lovekin was the charter W. Master of Durham, No. 66, an earnest and devoted Mason, died 22nd June, 1893. Jerusalem, No. 31, Bowmanville, - Bro. Thomas F. Richardson died 14th April, 1893, William Williamson, 10th May, 1893. Mount Zion, No. 39, Brooklin, - Bro. J. J. Johnston died 28th April, 1893. Norwood Lodge, No. 223, reports one death, but I have been unable to get name or particulars.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations were granted by me :

J. B. Hall, Lodge No. 145, to attend divine service, 8th January, 1892.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, to initiate, without fee, Hugh R. Murray to act as Tyler. January 11th, 1892.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road, to elect officers on Friday, 9th June, was requested through me. This not being within the province of the D. D. G. M., I referred it to the M. W. the Grand Master, and it was granted.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, to attend divine service. 25th June, 1893.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield, to attend divine service. Sunday, 2nd July, 1893.

VISITS.

I visited each of the twenty-two lodges in the district officially once, and herewith beg to hand report in detail.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope : This, the oldest lodge in the district, is my mother lodge, and has had but few meetings in years that I have not attended. On the evening of my official visit, 27th December, assisted by V.W. Bro. James Evans, G.S.B., I installed the officers. This lodge is in a very flourishing condition in every way. Secretary and Treasurer's books are well kept. The dues might be better collected, and a committee has now the matter in hand. Is one of the best working lodges in the district. Increase during the year, 5 ; average attendance, 17. Amount paid for relief, \$84.50 ; total arrearages, \$150.00. Insurance, conjointly with Hope Lodge, \$1,500.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby : Accompanied by W. Bro. J. W. Quinlan, P.M., and Bro. John Owen, J.W. of Ontario Lodge, I visited 1st June. This lodge flourishes. The Past Masters particularly take a great interest in their lodge.

The W. Master, W. Bro. Theo. McGillivray, assisted by an efficient staff of officers, worked the third degree. In point of exactness of wording and manner given, is worthy of the highest comment. The meeting was a very large one, many visitors from Oshawa, Brooklin, and Pickering etc., were most hospitably entertained. With 84 members, an increase of 5 during the year, painstaking Secretary, and good financial standing, the prospects of this lodge are of the best. Insurance, \$400.

Jerusalem, No. 31, Bowmanville: Visited at their regular meeting on Wednesday, 28th June. Have had no work during the year, and membership has decreased 10; 6 suspensions, 2 resignations, 2 deaths. The P. Masters and officers take an interest, but the brethren should assist them better, at least by their attendance. The W. Master, W. Bro. S. Burden, and officers, opened and closed in the three degrees very well. The W. Master seems to think the period of stagnation about over, and the prospects for the next year better. All right financially. Have a very handsomely furnished lodge-room, and are insured for \$1,000.

Mount Zion, No. 39, Brooklin: Visited 31st May. This lodge does not seem to make any headway, and is about at a stand-still. Have had one initiation and one deceased, which puts their membership just where it was a year ago. But few of the members reside in the village, and most of them in the country, still their average attendance is not at all what it should be. The W. Master, W. Bro. John Shand, and officers, opened and closed in the three degrees very well. There was no work. The lodge is in a fair position financially,—owns the building in which is the lodge-room, and it is quite a source of revenue to them. The dues, I impressed upon them, must be better collected.

The Secretary was elected last December, and has had but little experience, yet he is painstaking and greatly interested in his work, and will be a good one. The W. Master thinks the prospects for next year are fair. Insurance, \$1,700.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: Visited at the regular meeting on 27th June. This lodge is just about in the same position as it was last year. Have had one initiation, with one resignation and one death; the membership is one less. The lodges seem to have their good and dull times as with business, and the W. Master reports the prospects not very encouraging. The W. Master, W. Bro. Bellwood, opened and closed in the three degrees. There was no work; the candi-

date to be passed did not put in an appearance, as I believe he was not ready. The lodge is in a good shape financially ; have a large and nicely furnished lodge-room. The P. Masters take an interest in its welfare, and, although not going ahead to any great extent, is all right. Insurance, \$300.

Faithful Brethren, No. 77, Lindsay : Visited on the 3rd of March. W. Bro. Baker, assisted by W. Bro. Graham, exemplified the E. A. Degree. The work was very well done, the J. W. delivering his lecture particularly well. A neatly furnished lodge-room, and in good financial standing. The books of this lodge are so particularly neat that I feel that I should mention the Secretary. Bro. G. S. Patrick is worthy of the title of the best Secretary in the district, and is not excelled in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. The lodge is gradually increasing, and the prospects most encouraging. It was called upon, and has paid \$160.63 for relief, which is worthy of comment. Has the second largest membership in the district (85), and but one member over twelve months in arrears of dues. Increase, 5 ; average attendance, 25. Insurance, \$1,200.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterborough : In Peterborough, Masonry seems to be most prosperous, and the interest taken in the Lodges by the Past Masters is particularly refreshing. On the evening of my visit, 29th March, the handsome lodge room was well filled with a large number of the brethren. The W. Master, W. Bro. R. G. Kingan, in the chair, assisted by W. Bros. T. A. Hay, A. Dawson, E. A. Peck, H. C. Winch and H. C. Rogers, and officers of the lodge, exemplified the third degree. The work was well done. The Secretary is a good one, and the books are neatly and correctly kept. The membership has not increased during the year, four resignations balancing three initiations and one affiliation. Financial standing good, prospects good. Fully insured, and one of our best lodges.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope : This is one of the most prosperous lodges in the district, and although their statement shows but an increase of seven during the year, has initiated in the past year and a half, fifteen, has worked twenty-nine degrees in the past year, and prospects of the very best. On the evening of the 27th Dec. (St. John's) I had the honor, assisted by W. Bro. Wm. Garfat, and other Past Masters, of installing the Wor. Master, W. Bro. Thomas White, and officers. On the evening of my official visit, 3rd February, the Wor. Master, assisted by the P. Masters present, and officers, worked the E.A. and M.M. degrees very creditably.

The brethren of this lodge are particularly enthusiastic, good attenders at regular meetings, and turn out well to practice meetings. The Secretary is A 1, and the lodge books are well kept. Dues might be better collected. Financial standing good. Membership, 65 : average attendance, 25. Insurance, conjointly with Ontario Lodge, \$1,500.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa : Visited 28th February. Masonry indeed flourishes in Oshawa. This was the largest meeting among my official visits. 126 registered. I visited both the Oshawa lodges the same evening. R.W. Bro. House, V.W. Bro. Brooking, and a great many Past Masters in the East, and large attendance of visitors from the near lodges, and we were most hospitably entertained. The W.M., W. Bro. Holland, in the chair, opened and closed in the three degrees very satisfactorily. This lodge is well officered and well attended, 25 being their average attendance. A little slow in collecting dues. Secretary's books well kept, and ranks with the best lodges in the district.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook : Visited 8th June. The M.W., R. W. Bro. H Turner, M D., in the chair, and all the officers present. Very fair meeting. No work. The W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees very satisfactorily. Lodge books neatly and well kept. There has been some irregularity, doubtless the neglect of some of the former secretaries, as to the record of members on the books of Grand Lodge. The W. Master has been at the Grand Secretary's office, and has now the matter satisfactorily adjusted. This lodge is doing well. Dues well collected. Five over twelve months in arrears. Increase during the year, eight. Insurance, \$250.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155 : This lodge has a membership of 114, the largest in the district, has held the most meetings and made the most Masons. Visited 29th March. A grand meeting. The W.M., Wor. Bro. D. N. Carmichael, assisted by W. Bro. D. Spence, W. Bro. Martin, R. W. Bro. Shortly and a most competent staff of officers, exemplified the M. M. degree in a very acceptable manner. The Secretary is a good one, and the books are well kept, the financial standing good, and the prospects never better. Insurance, \$600.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223 : Visited 28th March. The W.M. W. Bro. J. B. Powell and officers in their respective chairs. The meeting was not a large one, but fair, considering the membership, which is about 17. Seem to be careful as to material, as two candidates were rejected on the evening of

my visit. The brethren seem to be interested in Masonry and their lodge, but have made little progress during the year. The W.M. reports their prospects better than they have been. There was no work ; they opened and closed in the three degrees very fairly. The books are fairly well kept, but I must say it has been only by continued importunity that I have been able to get from the Secretary six notices of meetings and answers to my correspondence.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon : Visited 26th May. This lodge ranks with the best. Has not increased in membership the past year, still has had two initiations and one joining. Two resignations and one death leave the membership 46, with an average attendance of 14. The dues should be better collected, and the W.M. is now giving that his attention. The W.M., W. Bro. R. Ventress, assisted by good officers, worked the second degree most satisfactorily. The candidate was well posted and passed a very satisfactory examination in the preceding degree. The Secretary, Bro. Ross, is a good one, prompt, neat, and the lodge books are a credit, franchise standing good, and very fair prospects. Insurance, \$400.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa : Like its sister lodge, Lebanon, this ranks one of the best in the district, and the greatest harmony exists between them. I was met by R.W. Bro. McCaw, and W. Bro. Felt, I.P.M., on the evening of my official visit, 28th February. The attendance was very large, visitors from Whitby, Brooklin and Pickering, and we were royally entertained. The W.M., W. Bro. J. F. Grierson and officers, exemplified the E.A. degree. It was W. Bro. Grierson's maiden initiation and he did his work well. The lecture given by the J.W., Bro T. E. Kaiser, M.D., was in point of exactness of wording and delivery, worthy of mention. The Past Masters take great interest in the lodge, and the average attendance, 27, is only equalled by one other lodge in the district composite. The Secretary is a good one, and the books are in good shape. The lodge-room, which they occupy, jointly with Lebanon, is large and handsomely furnished. Increase during the year, 3. Insurance, \$1000.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield ; Visited 7th Feb. This is second to none in the district. On the evening of my official visit, 22 of the members, besides a number of visitors, were in attendance. The W.M., W. Bro. F. R. S. Barlee, assisted by good officers, exemplified the E.A. degree particularly well, and it is all the more worthy of notice as it was

their first degree to work since their installation, 27th Dec., before. It is most encouraging to see officers take such interest. The Secretary, Bro. R. Q. Dench, is a model Secretary, prompt, his books are neatness itself, and in the interests of the lodge he is indefatigable. Membership, 39. Increase, 3. He has worked 14 degrees, dues well collected, only 2 over 12 months in arrears, with total arrearages \$10.66. Financial standing and prospects good. Insurance, \$200.

Orono Lodge, No. 325 : Orono : Visited 22nd June, on the evening of their regular meeting, accompanied by Bro. John Owen, J.W. of Ontario Lodge. Work in this lodge has been exceedingly quiet during the past year, but the W.M. reports the prospects for the coming one very good. I hoped to have had the opportunity of seeing an initiation, but the candidate in anticipation was rejected. Opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well. The secretary's books well kept. The W.M., W. Bro. James Hunter, cannot work all the degrees, but hopes to be able to before the end of the year, he depends upon very efficient Past Masters who attend well. Number of members 46, decrease 2, average attendance 14. Three members in arrears over 12 months, total arrearages, \$18.00, and G.L. dues paid up to date. This lodge is all right. Insurance, \$400.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene : Visited 30th March. W. Bro. McCrea was detained at Peterborough, and the chair was taken by the I.P.M., W. Bro. McCamus. Their lodge room is not large, but quite unique in its masonic ornamentations. A number of the Norwood brethren paid Keene a fraternal visit. Opened and closed in the three degrees very creditably, and exemplified the second degree. W. Bro. John M. Shaw, M.D., is the Secretary, and to his indefatigable exertions the prosperity of the lodge owes a great deal. Membership, 25 ; attendance, 13, over half ; dues well collected ; financial standing good, and Grand Lodge dues paid up to date. Though not increasing, this lodge is all right. Insurance, \$150.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375 : Omeme : Visited 2nd March. W. Bro. McPherson, the W.M., does his work very well and takes great interest in his lodge. No. of members present, 13. Opened and closed in the three degrees, and initiated a candidate very well. Warden and Deacons work fairly. No. of members, 29 ; increase 5 ; degrees worked, 13. Five over 12 months in arrears, and G.L. dues paid up to date. The Secretary is a good one, books all right, prospects good. Insurance, \$300.

* Victoria Lodge, No. 398 : Victoria Road : Visited 24th May, on their regular meeting. I note the report of last year

of the sub-committee on the condition of Masonry, and I have given this lodge my special attention. This lodge has not improved during the past year, in fact has retrograded somewhat, and the prospects do not seem very bright for it where it is. On my visit to Victoria, I had a conversation with the Rev. W. Bro. Chaffee, now the W.M., installed 24th June last. He is a good worker, a very enthusiastic Mason, and will do his utmost in the lodge's interest, and may possibly be able to enliven somewhat the comatose state it has unfortunately got into. The lodge has not had, I am of opinion, the W.M. that the Rev. W. Bro. Chaffee promises to be. I would suggest the removal of this lodge to Coboconk, where some of the members (as well as the W.M.) reside, as soon as they can procure suitable quarters. There are several other members of the Craft in and about there who would no doubt affiliate. The place is larger, and I am satisfied more material will offer. I have just received a letter from the Rev. W. Bro. Chaffee, who says since the new start there has certainly been an awakening. The Wardens have expressed a zealous desire to master their work; they begin at once, (as I impressed upon them the imperative necessity of) with preparation meetings, have suspended the old can-and-will not non-paying members, and are getting their finances into a better shape. He looks upon it as an earnest of better times. The membership 24, decrease 8, who were suspended for N.P.D. Have held but five meetings during the year. They have a free lease of their lodge room for 99 years, and are fully insured.

The Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: Visited, May 25th, accompanied by W. Bro. Alexander Hart, P. M., of Zetland, and also P. M. of this lodge, and V. W. Bro. James Alexander, Peterboro', Newark. The W. M. opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees fairly well. They have not had a candidate nor conferred a degree for the past year. The interest that should have not been taken in the lodge, owing to some unfortunate unpleasantness among some of the brethren. Things now, I am told, are assuming a better shape. They have as good material as they ever had for a first-class working lodge, as I am told it was at one time one of the best. I note the opening and closing the lodge with an ode, and they have the music for the degree. W. Bro. Dr. Graham, conducts very ably the musical part. Music introduced into our ceremonies certainly makes them more interesting and impressive, and when well done is worthy of comment. The W.M., W. Bro. Nie, seems to take a great in-

terest in his lodge, and informs me, although \$75 in debt, have paid off \$150 this year, and hopes to have all liabilities cleared off very soon. With the increased interest, I am led to believe this lodge will present a healthier showing in the near future. Number of members, 38 ; increase, 1. Eight members over twelve months in arrears, and total arrearages, \$59.42. Insurance, \$375.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton : Visited, May 23rd. This lodge has retrograded in point of membership during the past year. It has had no applications, one resignation, and six suspended for N. P. D. Still it seems the brethren take an interest in their lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. D. B. Dover, is a good Master, a good worker, and has good Wardens and other officers. On the evening of my visit, exemplified the third degree very creditably. The Secretary is a good one ; the books are all right ; dues should be better collected. Thirty-six members. G. L. dues paid to 1st July, 1892 ; financially, fair ; prospects, promising. Insurance, \$300.

Fidelity Lodge, U. D., Port Perry : Visited, January 27th. This lodge has been working U. D. since June, 1892, and are anxious to get their warrant. On the evening of my visit, the W. M., W. Bro. A. J. Davis, assisted by his officers, initiated two candidates. The W. M. did his work very well ; the Wardens and Deacons, poorly. I endeavored to impress upon them the imperativeness of practice meetings. This they promised to give their best attention. They have purchased the furniture and paraphernalia of the old Prince Albert Lodge, and are now comfortably housed in a very neat little lodge-room. The W. M. reports an increase of six during the year. They have held twelve regular meetings. G. L. dues paid Dec. 27th, 1892 ; no members in arrears ; financial standing all right, and prospects good. Insurance, \$400.

THE SECRETARIES.

This district is to be congratulated upon Secretaries, for, with very few exceptions, they are the right men in the right place. I have noted, in a few instances, where the minutes might be improved upon, and have drawn their attention to the model minutes in the Constitution, and recommended them to follow them as closely as possible. I take this opportunity of thanking them, one and all, for their promptness and courtesy during my year of office.

EXPENSES.

Much has been said from time to time by the retiring D. D. G. M's as to expenses, and, retiring, I am glad to have the op-

portunity of adding my word in support. I will not go over the same ground that has been so often gone over. My experience is identical with the I.P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. McKay, and retiring with the experience, in the interest of those who follow, I feel in duty bound to again call the attention of Grand Lodge to this question. The actual travelling expenses, postage and stationery should be paid directly from the funds of Grand Lodge. This is right, and the only just way it can be done.

I appointed Bro. H. A. Ward, S. W., Ontario Lodge, Dist. Secretary, and to him I am indebted for valuable assistance.

I herewith attach a tabulated statement of the work done, and standing of the different lodges in the district.

In conclusion, I have to thank the fraternity throughout the district for their cordial and fraternal treatment to me when paying my official visits, and whenever I have had occasion to communicate with them, and I shall always look back with pleasure to a red letter year in my life, the one I occupied the position of the representative of Ontario District.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. J. ROBERTSON, D.D.G.M.,

Ontario District, No. 12.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in Ontario District No. 12, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.				Restorations.				Suspensions, other causes.				Meet- ings held.				Average attendance of memb'rs.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arreages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.	
			Total No. of all Members.				Restorations.				Suspensions, other causes.				Meet- ings held.													
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	M. M.	Restorations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.																
408	Murray	Beaverton	36	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	13	1	1	80 00	12	884	30 Ju y 1, '92.	Fair	Promis'g	Yes	\$301 0
825	Orono	Orono	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	6	3	0	nil	3	18	00 Dec 27, '92.	Good	Very g'd	No	400 00
77	Faith. Breth.	Lindsay	85	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	216	25	1	160 03	1	62	50 Dec. 27, '92.	Very good	Very g'd	Yes	1,200 00
313	Clementi.	Lakefield	39	3	14	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2	14	15	2	2	10	66 Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
398	Victoria	Victoria Road	21	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	5	15	nil	15	95	00 June 24, '93.	Fair	Poor	No	Fully
26	Verulam	Bobcaygeon	46	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	4	18	nil	18	107	88 Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Intencour	Yes	400 00
66	Durham	Newcastle	28	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	1	15	10 00	15	75	90 Dec. 27, '92.	Good	nt encour	Yes	300 00
U. D.	Fidelity	Port Perry	20	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	1	nil	1	none	Dec. 27, '92.	All right	Good	Yes	400 00
26	Ontario	Port Hope	61	3	0	4	5	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	115	13	84	50	23	54	50 June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	1,500 00
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	74	1	0	3	3	5	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	25	215	25	no rpt	20	14	107	06 Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Fair	Yes	1,000 00
114	Hope	Port Hope	65	7	0	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	216	23	10 00	14	135	30 June 24, '93.	Good	Very best	Yes	1,500 00	
111	Corinthian	Peterboro'	57	0	0	3	3	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	110	15	70	00	20	94	25 June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Fully
155	Peterboro'	Peterboro'	114	4	0	11	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	317	26	31	75	00	23	65	20 June 24, '93.	Very good	Neve. bet.	Yes	600 00
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	52	8	0	9	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	214	12	10	00	5	35	00 June 24, '91.	Fair	Improv'g	Yes	250 00
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	49	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	210	15	21	50	4	84	09 Dec. 27, '92.	Sound	Fair	Yes	1,000 00
374	Keene	Keene	25	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	13	21	50	4	9	00 June 24, '93.	Good	Fair	Yes	1,000 00
270	Cedar	Oshawa	72	3	0	4	4	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	12	19	27	70	00	20	150	00 June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	1,000 00
406	The Spy	Fenelon Falls	38	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	12	nil	8	59	42 June 24, '90.	In debt \$75	Increasing	No	375 00	
30	Composite	Whitby	84	5	0	4	7	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	114	27	60	00	12	106	43 Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
375	Lorne	Queneau	29	5	0	7	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	514	9	nil	5	5	26	00 June 24, '92.	All right	Good	Yes	300 00
223	Norwood	Norwood	17	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	112	1	nil	5	86	25 Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Better	Yes	1,700 00	
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	28	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	10	nil	17	80	00 Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Fair	Yes	1,700 00	

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the 13th Masonic District, for your consideration.

Immediately after my election I appointed Bro. Geo. J. Waddell, District Secretary, and W. Bro. W. T. Wilkins, District Chaplain, and notified the different lodges in the district to that effect.

I have officially visited all the lodges in the district during the Masonic year. Those visits were all made in the different lodges on the regular nights of meeting, and, in every case, were well attended. The cordial reception that I everywhere met with was not only flattering to myself, but evinced the strictest loyalty to Grand Lodge.

I have not called Lodges of Instruction during the year, as nearly every lodge in the district has an accurate working official staff, and the majority of the lodges have members capable of exemplifying the work at any time or place ; in fact, so marked has been the accuracy in the work, that I found little to do by way of giving instruction.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year, I have issued the following dispensations :

To Tweed Lodge, No. 239, on Oct. 23rd, 1892.

To Franck Lodge, No. 127, on Dec. 11th, 1892.

To Lake Lodge, No. 215, on June 25th, 1893.

To Madoc Lodge, No. 48, on June 25th, 1893.

To Colborne Lodge, No. 91, on July 11th, 1893,

for the purpose of appearing in Masonic clothing, attending divine worship, also to Tweed Lodge, No. 239, on June 23rd, 1893, to install officers.

IN MEMORIAM.

I regret to say that there appears to be a lack of understanding on the part of Secretaries of private lodges with regard to making prompt returns to the District Deputy Grand Master of the deaths that occur in their membership.

I have only received notice of the deaths of three brethren during the year, viz.:—Brothers Geo W. Dench, and Hobert Van Horn, of Trust Lodge, No. 38 ; and Brother Jacob Miller, of Lake Lodge, No. 215.

GENERAL.

As in the different lodges the officers are changing more or less every year, I think it would be wise to issue to the Secretary of each lodge, once a year, some kind of a condensed list of all the returns that should be made to the different Grand Lodge officers during the year; for I find, in connection with the duties of District Deputy Grand Master, that it is almost impossible to make complete returns,—not that lodges are unwilling to make them, but that they do not know their duties in this respect.

I have found that, while the lodge Secretaries have a well-kept set of books in every instance, some of them are careless in not preserving the original applications for initiation and affiliation, and reports of committees, a copy of summons for each meeting, etc., etc.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSES.

When well satisfied, perhaps nothing should be said, but I feel in duty bound to say: Every lodge in this district has fully paid my expenses in visiting them, and that, without going hat in hand to ask for them, so that, apart from loss of time, I have visited the whole district without the loss of a single dollar.

I have also to add that I have promptly received copies of summons for all regular and emergent meetings. In conclusion, I must say that I think the lodges in this district only require to know their duties to insure a faithful discharge of the same.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon: I visited this, my mother lodge, Sept. 2nd, 1892. This is a small lodge, but well worked, and one that is careful as to the material taken in. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Philp, and his Wardens, Bros. Yatt and Waddell, are amongst the best workers to be found. The lodge has increased its membership, and improved its financial standing during the year. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Robertson, D.D.G.M. of the 12th district at this lodge.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington: I visited this lodge Sept. 6th, 1892. Unfortunately a candidate for initiation was absent, but an exemplification of parts of the different degrees was given, which was exceedingly well rendered.

I have not seen work done by the new officers, but I am informed by the members that the new Master and Wardens are

quite as capable as the old ones. I was accompanied by the Master and Wardens of Consecon Lodge at this visit.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg: Visited, Oct. 3rd, 1892. This is one of the most enthusiastic lodges in the district, and exemplifies clearly what may be done in a lodge if the members once become possessed of the true Masonic spirit. Here, there is always work, a large attendance, and the utmost extension of fraternal feeling towards all visitors, and towards one another. On the night of my visit, there were present the Master and Wardens of every lodge in the county. Candidates for all the degrees presented themselves, and at the Master's request, the officers of the different lodges took the work in rotation, after their own officers had covered the ground. It can only be said that such a night's work for perfection and enthusiasm is probably only to be witnessed by a Grand Lodge officer once in a lifetime. The lodge was opened early and closed at high twelve, after which their hospitality was quite equal to their work. Attendance nearly one hundred.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora: Visited, Nov. 29th, 1892. The members of this lodge have been strict business men. They have fully paid for their comfortable hall before indulging in such luxuries as expensive furniture, and are consequently not only out of debt, but have a revenue coming in. The work at this visit was in the third degree, and was well done by W. Bro. Bluker, Master of the lodge. I have learned that his successor, W. Bro. Prout, is quite as competent as his predecessor, both in work, and as an executive officer.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton: Visited, December 1st, 1892. Found a good attendance of members, among whom were a number of Past Masters, also W. Bro. Philp, Master of Consecon Lodge. In United Lodge any visitor has only to meet W. Bro. Wade, the Master, to ensure every attention being paid him. The work was exemplified in the first and second degrees by W. Bro. Wade, and a candidate raised in the third by W. Bro. Wannamaker, Past Master, with the greatest exactness. In the lodge, I met old P.M. Wellington, who gave me not only the early history of United Lodge, but also a great deal of the early history of Masonry in Canada. W. Bro. Wellington is just as enthusiastic as he was forty years ago.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling: Visited, January 5th, 1893. The attendance was large and the work well done by the

Master, W. Bro. Shaw. This being the night for receiving the Auditors' report, a good opportunity was given to become acquainted with their financial standing. On balancing up, the lodge has an indebtedness of between \$300 and \$400, against which they possess a good suite of lodge furniture and a hall which is worth at least \$2,000. I was pleased to notice that some of the Past Masters are still active in the work. On this visit were met W. Bro. McKague, of Franck Lodge, and W. Bro. Prant, of Marmora Lodge.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg: This lodge was visited January 31st, 1893, had a fair attendance; found work done in the first and third degrees by W. M. Hargraft was not only exact, but was rendered with that polished finish which can only be acquired by the most careful study and practice. It was a pleasure to meet in the lodge, among other old acquaintances, R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburn, P.D.D.G.M., who still works away with all the zeal which he possessed when installed into the Master's chair. In this lodge I found the part taken by Past Masters in assisting with the work, the most active of any lodge in the district.

Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed: Visited, February 24th, 1893. As there was no work on hand, the Worshipful Master exemplified parts of all the degrees, doing such parts as were requested of him most satisfactorily. This lodge is in good financial standing, and, judging from the books, is doing a fair amount of work. Here I met W. Bro. Esterbrook, a zealous and thorough Mason.

Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford: Visited, February 27th, 1893. Found a large attendance and plenty of work. The work was well done by the Master, W. Bro. McKague. This lodge has done a large amount of work during the year, its officers being very active.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton: Visited, February 28th, 1893. The attendance was large, and the work more than could be done. The Master, W. Bro. Bouter, is a thorough and careful worker, and makes all feel that his heart is in the work. The Past Master in this lodge is still active, and everything points to a bright future.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth: Visited, March 1st, 1893. The Master, W. Bro. Tomlinson, and his Wardens in this lodge do their work in the finest style, and are above criticism in every respect. The attendance was good, and the greatest harmony seems to prevail. Although the annual dues are the lowest I ever found in a lodge, yet their financial standing is the very best.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto : Visited, March 7th, 1893. Attendance large. Found this lodge on the move, as was to be expected, after learning from the Tyler that he had only missed four meetings in sixteen years. If his example is imitated by the other officers, the lodge will always prosper. The work was well done by the Master and Wardens. Although the lodge-room was a comfortable one, the brethren were preparing to move into what will probably be the best suite of rooms in the district.

Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville : Visited, March 8th, 1893. The attendance was large, both of members and visitors from the other Belleville lodges. Found plenty of work, and it was conducted by the Master, W. Bro. John Fenn, and Wardens with the greatest accuracy. It was to be noticed that perfect harmony existed not only among members of this lodge, but also among the members of this and other Belleville lodges. It afforded me much pleasure to meet on this visit, as I did on several other visits, V.W. Bro. Webster, who is well known as a genial and enthusiastic Mason.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford : Visited, March 28th, 1893. The attendance was fair : the work done in the first and third degrees by the Master, W. Bro. Wensley, and his Wardens, was surprisingly exact. A careful examination of books showed that the officers were discharging their duties faithfully. Consider the prospects of the lodge bright. Past Master McCowan was present, and did much to make my visit a most pleasant one.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton : I visited this lodge on March 30th, 1893, and also installed the officers of this and "Star in the East" in this lodge-room on Dec. 27th, 1892. The attendance was large on both occasions. This is one of the oldest and largest lodges in the district, and its Secretary has the best kept set of books I ever examined. This lodge, though large, has been moving a little slowly in the past, but it began to awaken last year under W. Bro. Leavins, and this year W. Bro. Allison may well feel proud of old "Prince Edward." It gave me great pleasure to meet there R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P.D.D.G.M., and V.W. Bro. Case, P. G. D. of C., as well as many other old and prominent Masons. The work done by the officers in the first and second degrees was all that the most exacting could desire.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne : Visited, March 31st, 1893. Attendance good, and work done in the first and third degrees by the Master, W. Bro. Rutherford, and officers, was

all that could be desired. I was glad to meet R. W. Bro. Willson, I.P.D.D.G.M. of this district. The lodge is in splendid financial condition, and its lodge-room is a beautiful one. The Secretary, Bro. Keyes, keeps a fine set of books.

The Belleville Lodge, No. 123, Belleville : Visited on April 6th, 1893. There was a good attendance of the members, and also a great many of the brethren from the other Belleville lodges.

The work done in the first and second degrees by W. Bro. Dr. Wright was not only performed with great exactness, but possessed that scholastic finish that but few are able to give it. There were present at this meeting R. W. Bros. Hamilton, Smith and Smeaton : also R.W. Bro. Murray, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who gave some very interesting after-dinner speeches. This lodge had much more work than could be done on the regular nights of meeting. Its prospects are the brightest.

Moirs Lodge, No. 11, Belleville : Visited, April 6th, 1893. Found the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dulmage, and other officers in their places. There was a good attendance of the members, and, as usual, a great many visiting brethren from the other Belleville lodges. The work was more than could be done at one meeting, consequently some of it had to be laid over for a special communication. At this visit it afforded me much pleasure to meet R. W. Bro. McGinnis, and one of Belleville's most energetic Masons, and also W. Bros. Mikel and Newton. The work was done in a most satisfactory manner. This is the oldest lodge in the district, and is in a most flourishing condition.

Mystic Lodge, No. 278, Roslin : Visited, May 25th, 1893. The attendance was rather small, which was in some degree owing to the fact of its being a country lodge, and at the date of my visit a very busy time with the farmers. There were a number of visitors from Belleville. This lodge has not met very regularly during the year, owing probably to the fact that the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hudson, and some of the prominent members reside in other places. Although no candidates were present, there seemed to be a fair amount of work on hand. W. Bro. Hudson exemplified parts of the different degrees to my entire satisfaction.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc : Visited, May 30th, 1893. The attendance was fair. The Master, W. Bro. Gray, in the chair, and the other officers in their places. This is a large lodge, but being at the extreme end of the district, many of

the members live at a great distance ; a candidate was raised in the third degree, and the Masters and other officers did their work most satisfactorily.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

T. H. THORNTON, D.D.G.M.,
Prince Edward District, No. 13.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing work done in Prince Edward District, No. 13, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Members.		Degree's conf'd		Athlathions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet-ings held.			Average attendance of members.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of Members 2 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.				Regular.	Emergency.	Total.									
161	Percy	Warkworth	67	5		4	4	1				11	11	20	23	5	2	\$2 00	July 27, '92..	Good	Fine	Yes	\$400 00
50	Consecon	Consecon	38	4		3	3	3	1			13	13	20	20	5		74 95	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	3 0 00
164	Star in the E.	Wellington	42	3	1	1	2	3				10	212	15	15		13	177 89	Dec. 27, '92.	Owe \$800	Good	Yes	1,000 00
48	Madoc	Madoc	92	1	4	1	2	4				10	111			20	40	22 70	Dec. 31, '92.	Good	Fair	Yes	Insured
401	Craig	Deseronto	48	3		4	4	5	1			12	113	22	23		6	22 70	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	800 00
91	Colborne	Colborne	72	7	1	4	4	5	1			13	213		23	43	75	7 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Extra good	Extra good	Yes	1,050 00
278	Mystic	Roslin	23	1	1	1	1	1				7	7	13	13	5			June 28, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	52	5		10	8	7	1			12	416	18	18		11	18 75	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	30 00
123	The Bellevue	Bellevue	113	1	9	9	6	1				11	415	16	16	none	15	54 00	June 17, '93.	Good	Bright	Yes	4,000 00
20	United	Brighton	51	4		2	3	1				11	415	16	16	none	20	36 75	June 10, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	
283	Eureka	Bellevue	49	4	8	4	3	4				11	112	15	15	7	80	51 16	June 16, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	Joint in.
127	Frank	Frankford	63	15		11	10	9	4			12	113			42	00	50 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	600 00
239	Tweed	Tweed	57	5		2	2	5				14	115	20	20		16		June, '92..	Good	Good	Yes	None
17	St. John's	Cobourg	59	2		2	2	4	1			12	12	15		30	00	57 50	June 24, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	5 0 00
38	Trent	Trent	63	1		5	3	2				412	618	26	26	30	00	24 65	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	67	6		8	6	4	5			13	13	23	23	62	00	39 25	Dec. '92.	Good	Good	Yes	1,250 00
222	Marmora	Marmora	49		6							10	10	25	25		7	17 00	Jan. 7, '92	Good	Fine	Yes	Yes
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	48	8		8	8	9				114	317	36	36	65	00	20 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Bright	Yes	300 00
18	Prince Edw.	Pictou	146	2		6	6	3	5			114	418	40	40	66	50	85 00	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	2,500 00
11	Mora	Bellevue	140	17	215	11	13	1				112	214			50	60	15		Good	Good	Yes	900 00

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to present to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in the 14th Masonic District. Although not present at Grand Lodge last year, the brethren of the above district will please accept my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by electing me to the important office of D.D.G.M.

The excellent work done by my predecessor has brought forth good fruit, and has tended to lighten my duties, and make them pleasant and agreeable.

This district contains thirteen lodges. I have officially visited all once, and some twice, and I have pleasure in reporting that harmony and peace prevail, while loyalty to the Craft and to properly constituted authority is manifested by all.

The following is a record of my official visits and acts for the past year :

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath : I visited this lodge on 31st Oct., 1892, on a regular meeting. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, Kingston, and W. Bro. McNee. There being no work to do, the W.M. opened the lodge in the three degrees. W. Bro. Robinson and his officers performed their part very well. The books of the lodge are kept in a neat and business-like manner. The dues are well collected, only two brethren being in arrears.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro' : I made my official visit to this lodge on Nov. 1st, 1892 ; regular meeting. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, and had the pleasure of meeting three other Past D D.G.M.'s of this district at the lodge. The second degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Gorrell, P.M., the work being well done. The Wardens were proficient in their work, but the junior officers were not as well up as they should be. The Secretary keeps his books in a very neat manner.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith : I paid my first official visit to this lodge on Nov. 4th, 1892 ; regular meeting. It being a very stormy night, only eight members were present. The W.M. opened the lodge in the three degrees in a very able and efficient manner. I again visited this lodge on Feb. 24th, 1893, on a regular meeting. The three degrees

were exemplified on four candidates, the W.M. doing the second degree, and W. Bros. Hartman and Meyers respectively the first and third. The lodge is in very good working order, and good harmony seems to prevail. The books are kept in a neat and business-like manner. The D.D.G.M. last year reported this lodge as being wholly inactive, but I am glad to be able to report that it has taken a turn for the better, and I think the future prospects of the lodge are good.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa : Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Kinghorn, and W. Bro. McNee, I visited this lodge on Nov. 7th, 1892. The W. M., Bro. Aylesworth, the S. W., and three other brethren, were present, so we did not have a meeting. It was a very stormy and disagreeable night, and most of the members reside quite a distance from the lodge. I again visited it on May 1st, 1893. The W. M. opened the lodge in the three degrees, in a manner with which I could find no fault. I regret to have to report that they still allow other bodies, who are not connected with Masonry, to occupy and use their rooms.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque : I paid my official visit to this lodge on Nov. 29th, 1892, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, and W. Bro. Oram. The attendance was very good. The W. M., Bro. Heaslip, opened and closed in all the degrees, and exemplified the third. The work was very well done, both by the W. M. and other officers. The Secretary, W. Bro. Hayward, has the books in thoroughly good order. This lodge, I anticipate, has a bright prospect before it.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth : I visited this lodge on December 9th, 1892, on regular meeting. The work of the third degree was exemplified by the W. M., Bro. Jas. Aylesworth. Although this is the infant lodge in this district, yet, for general proficiency, and well-grounded officers, it ranks among the oldest. The W. M. and his officers performed the work in a very able and efficient manner.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston : I paid my official visit to this lodge on March 6th, 1893, at a regular meeting. There was a good attendance of members, and a fair representation of visitors from the other city lodges. There being no work on hand, the W. M., Bro. Creighton, opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept, and future prospects of the lodge are bright. I also visited this lodge at most of the regular meetings during the winter, and always found a good attendance of the Past Masters and members. I also

had an opportunity of witnessing the work of the several degrees exemplified by the W. M. and his officers.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: Paid my official visit to this lodge on March 8th, 1893, it being my mother lodge. W. Bro. Birkett presided, and conferred the second degree on one candidate; the work was done to my satisfaction. The J. W. was absent on this occasion; the S. W. and other officers performed their work in a very able manner. The books I found to be neatly and correctly kept. On the whole, I consider the prospects of this lodge to be bright.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: I visited this lodge on March 13th, 1893, at an emergent meeting, called for my visit, and the exemplification of the work in the third degree. W. Bro. Watts, the W. M., exemplified the work in a very able and correct manner. The Wardens and other officers are well posted in the work. The books are well and neatly kept.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: Visited this lodge on March 29th, 1893, at a regular meeting. A fair attendance of members was present. The W. M. had no work to offer, but opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees. The work was very well done. I regret to learn that they have given a lease of their hall to a body not connected with Masonry.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: I visited this lodge officially on 30th March, 1893, at a regular meeting, and had a fair attendance. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees in a manner with which I could find no fault. The S. W. was absent, and the J. W. was not well posted in his work. The other officers were not as well posted in their work as they should be. This lodge is doing fairly well since they have occupied their new hall, which was dedicated in June, 1892. The books of the Secretary are well kept.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: I visited this lodge on the 31st March, 1893, at a regular meeting, and had a good attendance of members, and a number of visitors. The work for the evening was an initiation, which was done in a perfect manner by the W. M., Bro. Pruyn. The Wardens and other officers of the lodge are well posted in their work. The J. W. gave his lecture in a very able manner, and the S. W. the charge without a slip. The Secretary is a very careful and painstaking officer, and the books are kept in a neat and business-like manner. The future prospects of the lodge are very bright.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston: I paid my

official visit to this lodge on April 6th, 1893, at a regular meeting. There was a very good attendance of Past Masters and members, and also a fair attendance of visitors. The W. M., Bro. Forshaw Day, exemplified the work of the first degree. The J. W. and some of the junior officers were absent. The work was not done as well as it should have been by this, the oldest lodge in the district. An excess of nervousness on the part of the W.M. somewhat detracted from the effect of the ceremony. The books of the Secretary are well and neatly kept.

THE CHARACTER OF THE WORK.

I am happy to say that the great majority of the lodges render the ritualistic part of the ceremonies as near as can be to the authorized work, which is certainly very agreeable to the D.D.G.M., as in most cases it makes his duties very light.

DEATHS.

The deaths of the following brethren have been reported to me: R.W. Bro. G. M. Wilkinson, Past D.D.G.M., W. Bro. W. J. Wilson, W. Bro. T. Y. Greet, Bro. W. H. Henderson, Bro. Robert Kent, The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3; Bro. J. Connors, Bro. T. R. Dupuis, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92; Bro. J. Birmingham, Leeds Lodge, No. 201; Bro. P. Bajus, Minden Lodge, No. 253.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensation was granted by the D. D. G. M., during the year, to attend divine service, clothed as Masons, to Simpson Lodge, No. 157.

EXPENSES.

I desire to tender my thanks to the following lodges for contributing towards the payment of my expenses: Simpson, Albion, Leeds, Lorne, Minden, Cataraqui, Prince of Wales, Victoria, Union, The Ancient St. John's.

Amendments to by-laws of Simpson Lodge, No. 157, and Lorne Lodge, No. 404, have, during the year, been submitted by the D.D.G.M., for the approval of the Grand Master, which has, in each case, been granted.

I installed the officers of The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3; Cataraqui, No. 92, and Minden, No. 253.

In concluding this official report, I wish to thank the M.W. the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, for the very prompt manner in which they answered all communications, and also those brethren throughout the district who so kindly

lent me their assistance in making my duties both light and pleasant.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEO. SOMMERVILLE, D.D.G.M.,

Frontenac District, No. 14.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
Table showing the work done in Frontenac District, No. 14, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.		Decrease during year.		Degre's conf'r'd		Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D	Deceased.	Meet- ings held			Average attendance of mem'rs.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Increase during year.	Decrease during year.		E. A	F. C.	M. M	Regular.	Emergency.	Total.																
3	The A. St. J'n	Kingston	133	7	11	2	7	7	1	1	5	1	5	13	12	95	32	154	50	4	\$75 00	June 24, '93.	Satisfactory	Good	Yes	\$1025 00	
9	Union	Napanee.....	146	2	1	2	1	1	6	13	14	31	31	90	40	22	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	100 00	
92	Cataract ..	Kingston ..	114	5	..	4	3	3	1	2	..	13	5	18	17	84	00	20	116 60	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	700 00			
109	Albion.....	Harrowsmith...	49	5	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	8	..	15	12	00	8	26 00	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	200 00
119	Maple Leaf.	Bath.....	22	..	..	1	3	3	1	..	..	13	..	..	10	15	00	1	7 50	June 24, '93.	Fair	N't g'fny	Yes	1500 00
146	Pr. of Wales.	Newburgh.....	39	..	5	1	1	1	1	3	4	11	..	..	15	68	00	6	14 00	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	500 00	
157	Simpson.....	Newboro.....	64	2	..	4	2	1	1	..	..	12	13	20	15	15	00	53	187 85	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	6'0 00	
301	Leeds.....	Gananoque.....	83	..	12	4	3	4	1	7	6	4	12	13	20	..	..	2	179 75	June 24, '93.	Fair	Good	Yes	None	
212	Elysian ..	Garden Island ..	31	4	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	8	1	9	11	..	..	8	40 00	June 6, '93	Good	Fair	Yes	None
228	Prin Arthur	Odessa.....	8	1	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	13	14	13	15	20	00	10	55 35	Dec. 27, '92..	AI	Good	Yes	150 00
253	Minden ..	Kingston ..	74	2	..	4	4	5	1	2	..	13	13	14	15	20	00	3	12 00	June 24, '93.	Good	Good	Yes	200 00			
299	Victoria ..	Centreville....	43	7	..	6	6	6	1	..	..	12	..	..	12	..	..	8	44 63	June 24, '93.	Fairly good	Fair	Yes	150 00
404	Lorne ..	Tanworth ..	41	4	..	3	3	4	2	12	12	150 00		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the
Province of Ontario :*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN.

I have the honor to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Fifteenth Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges composing this district, once, some twice, and in every instance have been received with the greatest courtesy and fraternal feeling. That the condition of Masonry in this district is prosperous and harmonious is beyond question. Lodges, which, last year, seem to have been weak, have taken a fresh lease of life, and never, I believe, have the lodges as a whole, shown to better advantage. This is, no doubt, owing to the efficient work done by my predecessors of late years.

During the year, I have granted the following dispensations for attending divine service : Lyn Lodge, No. 416, June 11th ; St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls ; Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Farran's Point ; Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville, and Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta, June 25th.

By dispensation from the M.W. the Grand Master, I have healed five members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, which I have reported to the Grand Secretary, and remitted the fees.

There have been several deaths in the district which have not been reported to me.

True Briton Lodge, No. 14, Perth, have been called to mourn the loss of W. Bro. J. W. Motherwell.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, Maitland, has lost four of their number, Charles Lemon, Secretary ; W. McDougall, Wm. Quartus, S.W., and A. C. Johns.

The statistical blanks sent by me to the various Secretaries have not, in some cases, been returned, hence I am unable to give a full report of all the work done in the district.

The following is a brief account of my official visits :

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville : Visited this lodge, Feb. 27th, 28 present. The third degree was conferred in a very correct and impressive manner. The Secretary is a model one, and fully up to his duties in every particular. Having visited this lodge several times during the year, I can safely say that it is the best working lodge in the district. The year has

been a prosperous one, and on examining the books it was gratifying to learn that the large arrearage of dues, with which they have been burdened in the past, has been materially lessened. I have experienced much kindness and assistance from the members of this lodge during my official year. The officers and members are proficient and earnest exponents of the principles of the Order.

True Briton's Lodge, No. 14, Perth: Visited this lodge June 5th, 1893, 21 members present. No work on hand. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a very creditable manner. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are well kept, showing that both officers are conversant with their duties. The lodge is in a good financial state, but has too much arrearage for dues. I consider this lodge fairly prosperous. On this visit I was accompanied by V. W. Bro. J. A. Houston and two of the members of St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls. R. W. Bro. Morris was present, and gave a brief history of some historic certificates which adorn the walls of the room.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: I visited this lodge, December 27th, 1892, and installed the officers, after which an "At Home" was held, which was well attended by the members and their ladies, and was a perfect success. On March 3rd, I again visited this lodge. Members present, 30.

The work of the evening was an initiation and passing, which were done in a highly satisfactory way. The lodge is enthusiastic, and highly prosperous.

The lodge-room is well-appointed, and due care is exercised in regard to fitness of applicants. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are models of neatness and correctly kept.

The veteran S. Moag still holds the office of Secretary, and has held it for thirty-five years. Under the watchful care of V. W. Bro. J. A. Houston, and W. Bro. Percival, this is one of the best lodges in the district.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28 Kemptville: Visited this lodge, May 3rd. Members present, 15. Wor. Master absent on account of sickness. W. Bro. Bascomb, I.P.M., officiated in an able manner. Lodge opened and closed in the three degrees, and the first exemplified in a correct and impressive manner.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well and correctly kept, and dues are not allowed to run to any extent.

The various officers are proficient in their work and very enthusiastic. Although not having done much work in the past year, the officers are prepared to make good Masons in a commendable manner.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: Visited this lodge, May 4th. There being no work on hand, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and first degree exemplified. The Master and officers are fairly well up in their work. The Secretary is careful and painstaking, and his books are well kept.

The yearly dues are too low to meet current expenditure, and unless they have an initiation or two during the year there must be a deficit. This I think will be remedied in the near future. Members present, eleven.

St. James Lodge, No. 74, Maitland. This lodge I visited on June 12th, 1893; members present, fifteen.

Work of the evening, opening and closing in the three degrees.

During the past year, death has visited this lodge four times. Amongst the number, the Secretary and Senior Warden have been included.

The present Secretary is not up in his duties, the brethren claiming they do not receive notices of meetings until after they have been held. No deaths have been reported to me, nor notices received.

This will, I think, be attended to in the future. This is the historic lodge-room of the district, the walls being garnished with warrants of various kinds.

As will be seen by accompanying table, the meetings have been very irregularly held.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens: I visited this lodge on April 27th; members present, twenty-eight.

The W.M., Bro. Dixon, was ill and unable to attend, and V.W. Bro. J. B. Saunders presided.

W. Bro. Cumming, of Lyn Lodge, No. 416, assisted in a raising.

The officers are well up in their work. The Secretary thoroughly understands his work. It is, indeed gratifying to be able to report of this lodge that they have leased, and are having fitted up, a lodge room that will be a credit to the Craft. The dues are too low, but heretofore the expenses have been light. An increase is now under discussion. Earnest and thorough Masons are numerous in this lodge, and the future prosperity of this old lodge is assured.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott: This lodge I visited on Feb. 7th; twenty-two present.

The Master being away, the I. P.M. presided.

An initiation was the work of the evening, which was done

in an impressive manner. The officers are well up in their work; the Secretary and Treasurer's books are rightly kept, and Central Lodge is to be congratulated on its efficient Secretary, Bro. H. H. Wells.

A large and well-furnished lodge-room, and the financial report shows a balance of about \$600 invested.

Masonry is in a flourishing condition in this lodge, and future prospects are bright.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited this lodge on Mar. 16; an emergent meeting, twenty-three being present.

Opened and closed in the three degrees. Visited again at the regular meeting on April 4th. Work of the evening, two raisings, which were fairly well done.

The posting of the candidates was, indeed, pleasing, and reflects great credit on W. Bro. Edgecombe, who instructed them.

The officers have a fair knowledge of the work, and are enthusiastic.

The lodge-room is large, and handsomely furnished. This lodge has not made such progress as it should in a town of its size, but prospects for the future are better. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: Visited, June 7th. There being no work, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and the Senior and Junior Wardens gave the lectures in 1st and 2nd degrees in a very able and impressive manner. The Secretary's books are correctly kept. Some little friction seems to exist, which I hope time will eradicate. The lodge-room is fairly well furnished and ought to incite the brethren to live up to the grand principles therein taught. Was pleased to meet R.W. Bro. S. B. Fell at the meeting, and taking an active part in the work of the lodge.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited, April 25th. Members present, twenty-two. The work on hand was initiating a candidate, which was correctly and impressively done. The officers are well up in their work, and manifest a desire to excel. An "At Home," given by the members, April 19th, was successfully carried out, and reflects great credit on the various committees. Secretary's and Treasurer's books are correctly kept, and the lodge is in a flourishing state.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited this lodge March 15th. Members present, sixteen. Work in the 3rd degree was the order of the evening, and the candidate was raised in an able manner. The Secretary is an efficient one,

and his books are neatly kept. The various officers have a fair knowledge of their duties. Financially, they are in good condition.

Macey Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown: I visited this lodge officially, January 30th. Members present, thirty-two. The W. M., W. Bro. Dickey, was ill and unable to be present. The J. W. also was absent. By request of the brethren, I conferred the 3rd degree on a candidate, who was eligible. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are correctly kept, but the other officers are not up in their work. The mistake is made, of re-electing the W. M. continuously. I strongly advocated a change in this respect, and hope to see more enthusiasm amongst the members in the near future.

Farran's Point Lodge, No. 256, Farran's Point: I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on March 17th. Members present, twenty.

W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the first, all of which was done in an able manner. The Secretary was ill, so could not be present, but his books are neat, and correctly kept. The officers are all well up in their work; the dues are well looked after in this lodge. The hall is owned by the lodge, and the prospects for the future are good.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: Visited this lodge, March 27th. Members present, 20. Initiation was the work of the evening, and was well done. The officers are well up in their work and enthusiastic.

The Secretary and Treasurer attend to their duties in an able manner. The lodge is prosperous and is composed of first-class material. Work throughout the year has been abundant. The brethren are ably assisting the officers in their work, and peace and harmony prevail. Financial standing is good.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: I visited this lodge officially, May 29th. Members present, 44. Work for the evening was a raising, which was impressively done by Wor. Bros. Stayner and Colcock.

The W. M., J. R. Wright, was absent, and the I. P. M., N. B. Colcock, officiated. The officers are well up in their work and enthusiastic. Was pleased to meet R. W. Bro. Riddell and W. Bro. Urquhart, of Sussex, No. 5, with the brethren of Salem, showing that a better feeling exists between these two lodges.

The Secretary's books are in good shape. The W. M., J. R. Wright, having been away from home a great share of the

time, V. W. Bro. Colcock, I.P.M., has been called upon to do the most of the work, and, in recognition of his services, the brethren presented him with a Past Master's Jewel on the evening of June 24th. The lodge is prosperous

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta : In company with several members of Lyn Lodge, No. 416, I visited this lodge officially March 1st. Members and visitors present, thirty-five.

Amongst the visitors, I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Dargavel, P.D.D G.M., of Frontenac district. Work of the evening was 1st and 2nd degrees. The officers seem to have a fair knowledge of the work. This is one of the finest lodge-rooms in the district, and the lodge is prosperous. Secretary's and Treasurer's books correctly kept, and dues well looked after.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester : I visited this lodge on March 28th ; twelve members present. Opened and closed in the three degrees ; all fairly well done

I again visited them on May 2nd ; two initiations and a raising was the work of the evening.

The W.M. is new to the position, but manifests a desire to improve. The Wardens are fairly well up in their work. The Secretary is an able one, and his books are in good shape.

Last year this lodge was reported as being in a stupor : it has now awakened, and the prospects for the future are good.

The newly-made members are young and enthusiastic, and will, I think, look well after the best interest of the Craft in that vicinity.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansdowne : Visited this lodge on January 26th ; ten members present—Junior Warden and both Deacons absent. Initiated a candidate.

The W.M. is fairly well up in the work, but is indifferently supported. In company with R.W. Bros. Menish and Simpson, and W. Bros. Urquhart and Stafford, and some members of Lyn Lodge, I again visited this lodge, and saw two initiations and a raising, which were fairly well done.

This lodge is getting in some good material. The lodge-room is sparsely furnished, but will shortly be put into better shape. A little more zeal displayed by the junior officers would greatly improve this lodge.

The Secretary's books are fairly well kept, and the lodge is financially in good shape.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta : I visited this lodge on June 20th ; members present, twenty-one.

Opened and closed in the three degrees in a very correct

manner. The officers are well up in their work, and are very enthusiastic.

The building in which the lodge-room is situated is owned by the lodge. There is some little indebtedness on it yet, but they are in a prosperous state.

The books are neatly kept, but there is too much arrearage for dues. Steps are to be taken to bring the delinquents to time.

Lodge-room neatly furnished, and the utmost harmony prevails.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn: With the exception of one, I have attended every meeting of this lodge during the year, consequently have had many opportunities to witness the work done. The last half-year has been a busy one, and the work has been done in an able manner. The officers are all proficient in their work, and anxious to excel in their respective offices. The lodge-room is neatly furnished, and has no debt. Masonry in this vicinity is flourishing, and prospects for the future are very promising.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge, March 14th. Members present, 36. Initiation and routine work was the order of the evening. The work was done in a highly creditable manner; the officers all understand their work. The lodge-room is new, and neatly furnished, and the Treasurer's books show a tidy balance on hand. This lodge is a credit to St. Lawrence District, and I earnestly hope it may long remain our North-East corner. The W. M., O. T. Smith, is an able worker, and is ably assisted by W. Bro. Henry. The Secretary is an able one, and his books are correctly kept, and dues well looked after. This is a highly promising lodge.

In conclusion, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the St. Lawrence District for the kind and fraternal manner in which I have been received in every lodge, and I bespeak for my successor in office the same measure of kindness.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. BULLOCK, D.D.G.M.

St. Lawrence District, No. 15.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.
Table showing the work done in St. Lawrence District, No. 15, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degree's conf'd		Affiliations.		Restorations.		Suspensions, other causes.		Deceased.		Meet- ings held.		Average attendance of mem- bers		Amount paid for relief.		No. of members 12 months in arrears.		Total of all arrearages.		Date of last G. L. Return.		Financial Standing.		Prospects of Lodge.		Can W. M. work all degrees.		Insurance.	
			Total No. of all members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	F. A.	E. C.	M. M.	Restorations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Regular.	Emergent.	Total.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.												
5	Sussex	Brockville	140	19	3	2	2	8	3	2	1	0	1	14	11	25	45	271	25	17	\$15 00	Jan. 2, '93.	Good	Yes	200 00									
14	True Britons	Perth	82	2	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	12	6	18	18	28	60	17	140 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	500 00									
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	74	11	8	9	6	2	1	3	1	1	1	14	6	20	24	25	0	4	15 50	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	800 00									
28	Mt. Zion	Kemptville	32	1	1	2	2	3	1	4	1	1	1	11	4	15	14	21	0	6	21 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	300 00									
56	Merrickville	Merrickville	43	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	2	15	11	3	0	3	9 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	None									
74	St. James	Maitland	37	3	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	7	5	12	13	0	9	0	Dec. 27, '92.	Just middle	Fair	Yes	None								
85	Rising Sun	Athens	52	6	6	4	8	3	0	5	1	1	1	18	3	10	20	36	50	9	36 50	June 24, '93.	Fair	No	None									
110	Central	Prescott	90	1	1	4	8	3	0	1	1	1	1	11	11	20	20	31	25	24	125 50	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	None									
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	42	8	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	1	11	1	14	12	60	00	18	137 50	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	No	900 00									
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	77	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	11	1	14	12	20	00	19	71 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	None									
148	Frindly Bros	Truro	52	6	1	7	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	20	31	25	24	0	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	None									
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	No return.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	20	80	00	5	17 50	Dec. 27, '92.	Clear	Yes	None									
212	Macey	Mallorytown	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	9	20	30	00	5	36 75	Jan. 6, '93.	Fair	Yes	600 00									
256	Farrar's Pt.	Farrar's Point	69	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	2	14	17	10	00	5	36 75	June 24, '93.	Good	Yes	800 00									
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	63	12	11	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	17	237	0	35	237 0	Dec. 92	Good	Yes	None									
368	Salem	Brockville	83	10	9	6	8	4	1	3	7	1	1	12	9	21	23	169	30	16	169 30	June 13, '93.	Good	Yes	700 00									
370	Harmony	Delta	56	1	1	6	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	1	13	20	7	00	17	17 00	June 24, '93.	AI	Good	2,000 10									
383	Henderson	West Winchester	26	9	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	8	2	10	12	8	00	7	8 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Clear	Yes	None									
387	Laundowne	Laundowne	20	4	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	3	15	8	24	0	10	24 0	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Fair	None									
389	Crysal P't'n	North Augusta	50	1	1	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	3	10	27	5	00	12	37 00	Jan. 28, '93.	Good	Fair	400 00									
416	Lyn	Lyn	31	7	1	7	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	13	8	21	16	25	00	10	32 85	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Yes	200 00									
418	Maxville	Maxville	46	9	3	9	5	6	1	2	1	1	1	13	1	14	17	25	00	10	32 85	June 16, '93.	Good	Yes	None									

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

In placing before you my report of the condition of Masonry in the 16th Masonic District, I have endeavored to be as concise as possible, whilst giving an accurate account of my own observations as well as of several distinguished brethren.

I have visited all the lodges in the district, but not as frequently as I should have done. From my visitation, conversation with members of the Craft in each place, besides a desultory correspondence with many prominent brethren, I fancy I am in a position to come near the mark as to the condition of Masonry in my district ; and I must say, at the outset, that Freemasonry has nothing of the Utopian nature that I presumed it had.

To my mind, Freemasonry in this district does not bear the impress of the greatest virtue,—*charity*, which should be the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart. This is manifested in various ways. I find that very little pecuniary assistance, in many cases none, has hitherto been given by the lodges to such worthy objects, as Orphans' Home, old Men's Home, hospitals and various other institutions throughout the district, for the maintenance and amelioration of suffering humanity. Why is it so? It is because all the lodges, or nearly all, are in a state of penury, resulting partly from the extravagance of fourth degrees, partly from carelessness of brethren not paying their dues, and partly from heavy lodge rents and other incidental expenses. Brethren, individually, in their capacity as citizens, contribute handsomely to worthy charitable objects : and it certainly reflects credit upon them ; but what I would like to see in my district is some benevolent institution where the Masons would have the entire control, and where the poorest Mason would feel that he has some voice in its management, and where it would not be regarded as a monopoly of the rich.

Lack of charity is also manifested in debates and discussions which frequently arise in the course of lodge business. Sometimes brethren vary in their opinions, and naturally enough, too ; but the invective that is commonly exhibited should not be tolerated, and in too many instances, the acrimonious feelings engendered are carried beyond the lodge. The funda-

mental principle—brotherly love,—which we are supposed to have engrafted in our system, is often lost sight of.

I also find that after election of officers, there is a great deal of dissatisfaction shown by the unsuccessful aspirants for office, and their more intimate brethren. In some cases, I must admit, that the selection of officers is not a wise one; but when the choice is made, the brethren, one and all, should give them their loyal support. Touching upon this, brethren are sometimes eager for office and advancement; but, just as soon as it is acquired, they lapse into a lethargic indifference, do not observe regularity, nor the duties imposed upon them, and, if remonstrated with by their superior officer, a spirit of insubordination at once arises. The consequence is that, to maintain the even tenor of their way, the advice intended to be given with the kindest sentiment, is often withheld.

Brethren, too, are at times accused of forming "rings" or "cliques" to advance a brother of their class, without any regard to merit or ability. If there be a predominance of factory hands, or railway employes in one lodge, and civil servants, merchants or printers in another, where such a majority exists, the election of Master and Wardens is pretty certain to prove satisfactory to that majority and contrariwise to the rest. It is very difficult for a D. D. G. M. to determine to what extent such un-Masonic conduct is practised; but, that it does exist, I am quite satisfied.

All these circumstances detract from the prosperity and harmony, and, I may add, the attendance at our lodges. Is it to be wondered at? No brother desires to go to a lodge-meeting and find at the end of two or three hours that nothing has been accomplished, no good achieved beyond the recitation of a most beautiful ritual, which, even after a time, becomes to many restless spirits uninteresting.

The conduct or behavior of brethren whilst in the lodge is, on the whole, very creditable; but there are instances where there might be some improvement. In this respect, the Worshipful Masters, with a little tact, might effect remedial changes. Brethren leaving a lodge should do so at a convenient time, and not ask permission to retire when it is certain to disturb the business of the lodge. It is also a noticeable, yet regrettable, fact that after reports, correspondence, and such like have been disposed of, and the time has come to initiate, pass, or raise a candidate, the brethren retire, one by one, till the officers are left alone. This shows the amount of sympathy and encouragement extended to both the officers and the candi-

date. Whilst making such disparaging remarks, I must nevertheless add that we have many truly beautiful characters around whom a halo of grace and glory seems to shine; and were it not for them, affording, as they do, living monuments of unselfishness and integrity, my hope for an improvement in the condition of Masonry would be very small.

The clothing of brethren attending lodge meetings may be rather a curious matter for a court deputy to report upon, but I cannot allow it to pass without comment. Some brethren seem to have the greatest indifference as to how they appear in a lodge. They make little or no alteration in their business apparel (if I may so term it), when about to attend lodge meeting. Now, whilst I admit that the manner in which a brother appears in lodge has very little to do with his quality as a Mason, I cannot help thinking, when it takes so little time and costs so little, that a brother should attire himself equally as becoming as if he were going to divine service on the Lord's Day. Visiting lodges in cities, as well as in rural parts, I have also found brethren of high or low degree very negligent as regards their proper regalia. I believe that a brother should wear the insignia of his rank, and not depend upon procuring the common white apron that lodges furnish for entered apprentices.

The attention of the members of Grand Lodge is particularly directed to the following paragraphs:

Uniformity of fees in city lodges is a matter which should have the serious consideration of the members of Grand Lodge. Whilst clause 136 of our Constitution fixes the minimum fee for making a Mason at twenty dollars, there are only two lodges in the city of Ottawa that hold to that fee. In view of that, I am credibly informed that candidates have been known to join a particular lodge where the fee was much less than the lodge where they had first intended placing their application. Such a state of affairs does not become Masons; and until some legislation is enacted to prevent such practices, there will be no improvement, and no end to the antipathy between the several lodges.

I have long cherished the hope that the various lodges throughout Ontario would hold their *elections in the month of June* preceding the convocation of Grand Lodge; and I am charmed to find that R.W., Bro. H. A. Collins, D.D.G.M. of the Eleventh Masonic District, entertains the same hope. That such a course would materially help D.D.G.M's in their reports to Grand Lodge, on the condition of Masonry, I am

more convinced than ever. It would enable lodges to furnish a correct account of their years' standing. The Grand Lodge schedule supplied to each lodge to complete would be comprehensible, and there would be no friction between the returns of a D.D.G.M. and his successors. There are only four lodges in my district that terminate their business, etc., in June, while the rest close their year in December. The Grand Lodge schedule asks for "work done" from 24th June, of one year, to 24th June the following year. Now, to point out an inaccuracy, I will take one of the forms returned to me. The statistical table of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, shows *one* death. Turning to my memo. of deceased brethren in the year, I find no record of any death being reported to me from Civil Service Lodge; but scanning over my predecessor's list, I notice the name of our late brother. J. Adamson, which has undoubtedly been embodied in the form sent to me. In addition to this, it is the custom of many brethren to pay their dues at the end of their Masonic year. In those lodges in which the year terminates in December, the "total of arrearages" naturally appears large. The same thing holds good in the column showing the "amount paid for relief." Entering on my duties last July (1892), I was not furnished with any list of Past Masters and officers of the various lodges under my charge till January; and of those lodges whose election and installation took place in June (1893), I have only received one. Under the existing system, it is, therefore, a most arduous task for a D.D.G.M. to do justice to the office which he has sworn to faithfully discharge.

In view of the notice of motion before Grand Lodge, by W. Bro. Fred. Cook, "That *Maxville Lodge*, No. 418, be detached from the St. Lawrence District, No. 15, and attached to the Ottawa District, No. 16," I visited that lodge on June 14th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. David Taylor, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. Fred. Cook. We were most cordially received, and shown every attention by the brethren of that lodge. After the matter was carefully laid before these brethren, a vote was taken, which was almost unanimous in favor of the resolution. Considerable satisfaction was manifested by the brethren throughout my district at the result of our mission.

Visiting lodges, both in the capacity of D.D.G.M. and otherwise, I have had ample occasion of seeing *Grand Honors* demonstrated; and almost in every instance, even when led by advanced members of the Craft, the display was by no means creditable. That individuals of lodges may no longer have any

excuse, I would suggest that this Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, clearly embody the proper method in its book of Constitution at an early date. I am quite satisfied that this state of affairs does not exist exclusively in the Ottawa District, but all over Canada. What I claim, therefore, will be of great and everlasting benefit to the brethren of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

I granted *dispensations* to the brethren of the following lodges, to attend divine service, clothed as Masons :

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond West, Sunday, Aug. 28th, 1892, and, again, Sunday, June 4th, 1893. The offertory at latter service was for Old Men's Home, at Ottawa.

Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, Nov. 13th, 1892.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carlton Place, June 25th, 1893. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. Sexton, D.D., of New York, officiated.

Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, June 25th, 1893. R. W. Bro., the Venerable Archdeacon W. Y. Daykin, LL.B., of Provincial Grand Lodge, of Devon, England, conducted the service, and preached a very learned discourse, which the brethren are having published as a mark of appreciation.

I also granted dispensations to install officers of Goodwood Lodge, on March 1st, 1893, and Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Jan 30th, 1893.

The Secretary of Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, applied to the Grand Secretary, and not to me, for dispensation to attend divine service, clothed as Masons, on Sunday, June 25th, 1893, and dispensation was granted.

The following codes of *by-laws* were submitted by me to the M. W., the Grand Master, for his confirmation : Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa ; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186 ; St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carlton Place. I also submitted an amended portion of the by-laws of Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond West, to the Grand Master for his approval.

It is with feelings of satisfaction and gratitude that the brethren of this district hail the advent of Grand Lodge in their midst this year. Ottawa, our beloved capital, the choice of our gracious Sovereign for the seat of a confederate government, the home of the Royal Society of Canada, the climax of all that is beautiful, welcomes you to her hearth. May the sojourn of our visiting brethren be as pleasant and beneficial to them as we as sure it will be to us.

In behalf of the district which I have the honor to represent, I am pleased to be able to add my testimony to the wisdom of Grand Lodge in the selection of our distinguished bro-

ther, W. R. White, Q.C., to the deputyship of the highest gift of the Craft. All those who have the privilege of an intimate acquaintance with him must own that he is eminently qualified for the position, and that he will not detract from the lustre of his already brilliant associates in the East of Grand Lodge.

During the past year, "Death, great proprietor of all," has been closing accounts with a few of our brethren.

"We must all die, and not the old alone,
The young have no exemption from that doom."

Looking over the names of those who have passed into that "Eternity, whose end no eye can reach," there are some who had exceeded the "threescore years and ten" allotted to man, while others had merely reached their majority when the grim "King of Terrors" seized them for his own. There is, however, an immense satisfaction in knowing that they lived as Masons should live, and believed

* * That when the soul uncloth'd
Shall from the body fly,
'Twill animate a purer frame
With life that cannot die.

The list of deceased brethren is as follows :

Name.	Age	Place.	Lodge.	Rank.	Date of Death.
Ar. J. LeHeup ..	23	Mattawa	Mattawa, 405 ...	M. M.	30th Sept., '92.
Jno H. Bothwell..	50	Lanark	Evergreen, 209..	P.D.D G.M..	12th Nov., '92.
David Wilson.....	54	Ottawa	Builders, 177 ..	P.M.	2nd Dec., '92
Joseph Bond.	31	Lanark.	Evergreen, 209..	P.M.	7th Dec., '92.
John Wallace.....	82	Renfrew.....	Renfrew, 122... M. M.		20th Mar., '93.
Thos. S. Turner...-	8	Carleton Place..	St. John's, 63... M. M.		6th April, '93.
John Smillie	40	Ottawa.	Fidelity, 231... M. M.		10th May, '93.
John McRae.....	87	Renfrew.....	Renfrew, 132 ... M. M.		16th May, '93.

Regarding the death of our late Bro. Bothwell, an Ottawa paper had the following :—

"From the time he was made a Mason in Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark, Mr. Bothwell, in his daily life and conduct, exemplified the grand principles upon which Masonry is founded, viz., brotherly-love, relief and truth. The deceased was W. M. of Evergreen Lodge for four consecutive years—an almost unprecedented honor in the Craft, and in 1890, was chosen by the brethren of this district to the important position of District Deputy Grand Master, which office he filled with satisfaction."

Bro. LeHeup, a bright young fellow, was the first candidate initiated in the beautifully equipped lodge at Mattawa, and was the first to be buried therefrom. His remains were

conveyed to Kingston for interment, where they were met by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., and other prominent members of the Craft. The kindness and attention extended to the accompanying brethren are worthy of record.

Installing the officers of my mother lodge, No. 128, Pembroke, on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, was one of the proudest occupations of my life. There was a large number of brethren present to witness the ceremony.

I also derived considerable pleasure installing the officers of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, on 30th January, and Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, on 1st March, 1893.

On the occasion of my visit to 'The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, I was requested to instal its officers, it being their regular night of installation, but, owing to a severe head-ache, and fatigue of several days' travel, I had to leave that duty in more experienced hands, viz., R.W. Bros. Taylor and Rea.

On the 20th June, 1893, in the presence of a fairly well-filled lodge, I installed the officers of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Rt. Wor. Bro. James Greenfield, of Toronto, in a neat address, gave the Master and wardens and brethren some excellent advice.

The brethren of Pembroke Lodge, No. 128, after the installation of their officers on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, with their families, enjoyed a most social evening. The programme was a most variable one, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations; and, in an adjoining hall, the young and more elastic, for an hour or two, tripped the mazy waltz to excellent music, rounding the evening at an elaborately spread table of delicacies.

The greatest, and probably the most notable reunion in the Ottawa District was on the 10th Feb., on the occasion of the fraternal visit of a large number of Ogdensburg brethren to The Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa. For the benefit of their Canadian brethren, the New York Craftsmen exemplified the third degree, which was splendidly rendered. At the conclusion of the work, the visiting brethren were royally banqueted in St. James' Hall, W. Bro. Fred. Cook, the W.M. of the Builders', presiding in a masterly style. Rev. Bro. Hatch, of Ogdensburg, representing the Grand Lodge of New York, responding to the "toast," delivered the speech of the evening. Referring to the blending of the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes, which formed part of the decorations of the banquet hall, he said, "it was a marriage of the flags, symbolical of the fact that the hearts of Freemasons beat

as one the wide world over in all that was true and noble." To the toast of "Sister Grand Lodges," eloquent responses were elicited from R. W. Bros. E. B. Eddy, W. A. Williams, and C. P. Franchet, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; R. W. Bro. Flint, M.P., of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; M. W. Bro. John Yeo, M.P., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island; and Wor. Bro. Garrioch, representing the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Other distinguished brethren delivered fluent addresses, among whom were R. W. Bro. Percival, of Smith's Falls, and Bro. Sir James Grant, M.D., of Ottawa. Though I was disappointed in not being present, I am credibly informed the district, and our own Grand Lodge, were well represented (and, I am sure, much better than I could hope to) by Past District Deputies Butterworth, Church and Rea.

On the 13th April, Mattawa Lodge had an "Inauguration Anniversary," which was a decided success, so much so that the brethren will endeavor to make it an annual event.

The little unpleasantness between the Library and Hall Committees referred to by my predecessor, R. W. Bro. G. S. Macfarlane, I am charmed to say has disappeared, and nothing but the greatest harmony prevails. The brethren of the several lodges of the City of Ottawa have now a library of which they may proudly boast. It is replete with the choicest volumes of Masonic history. A large sum of money has been well expended in re-binding Grand Lodge reports, periodicals, etc., etc. In support of the library, a small tax (10c.) is levied against each brother; but thanks are due to many city brethren for valuable donations of books thereto. Bros. H. H. Cairns and W. G. S. Reynolds, for their indefatigable labor and zeal, in aid of the scheme, have the deservedly merited encomiums of their brethren.

The lodges at Mattawa and Lanark, have also small libraries. They have no capitation-tax, but are wholly dependent upon the generosity of their brethren. Such projects cannot fail to receive the commendation of Grand Lodge.

Praiseworthy as these libraries undoubtedly are, I would be equally pleased to see a Reading-room in connection with each lodge, where brethren might go to peruse all the best daily papers. Besides the advantage of reading all the best thought in the world, the brethren would be otherwise obviously benefited.

I have met the worshipful masters of the various lodges, with the exception of W. Bro. Close, of Prince of Wales Lodge,

Ottawa ; and I must say, in their favor, generally, that they are an excellent and cultured body of men, and fully competent to govern a lodge. I have seen and heard most of them in the discharge of their duties ; and the work done was highly creditable, not only to themselves, but to the lodges over which they preside.

When I visited St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, it was early in their Masonic year, and shortly after the W.M., Bro. S. R. Morrison, was installed. A third degree was to be conferred ; W. Bro. Morrison informed me that whilst he felt certain of the 1st and 2nd degrees, he would not undertake the 3rd. V.W. Bro. Marsden conferred the degree, but not literally after the work prescribed by this Grand Lodge. I pointed out to them how it might be remedied, and hoped that their progress would be visible, and that my successor would be able to give a good record of the work done. These brethren, as reported by my predecessor, are still meeting in the lodge-room of another society, contrary to our constitution. Judging from the prosperous aspect of the little town, and the number of affluent members in the lodge, it remains a mystery to me why there seems to be so little advancement.

I have not been able to visit Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, Lanark, since December ; and as W. Bro. David Maclaren was subsequently elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R.W. Bro. Bothwell, I cannot say how he conducts his lodge. On the strength of a letter, however, from W. Bro. W. A. Field, the devoted Secretary of the lodge, I am led to believe that W. Bro. Maclaren (who held the Senior Wardenship four years), will be a success as W.M. of his lodge, and that there has been a marked improvement since my visit, and that notwithstanding the low ebb which the lodge reached, there is a determination among the brethren to keep it *Evergreen*. The return shows an increase of six per cent. in the attendance of the members ; and the arrearage in dues has very considerably decreased.

On the occasion of my visit to Plantagenet Lodge, I did not have an opportunity of seeing W. Bro. Franklin exemplify any work, the time being otherwise wholly taken up. If appearances, and the easy address of a brother count for anything, the brethren of Plantagenet have made a good selection of a Master to succeed W. Bro. John Smith, whose enthusiasm for the Craft has kept it alive under very trying circumstances. As this lodge is situated in a densely populated French settlement, it has to draw its material from long dis-

tances. Till the Ottawa and Vaudreuil Railway passes through the little village, a material change is not to be expected. The few brethren there deserve considerable sympathy and adulation for their tenacious adherence to their little lodge.

Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond West, though some time ago threatened with decline, will, I think, see more palmy days. The officers, and some of the members, come a long distance, which is not very pleasurable at some seasons; and their devotion is worthy of the greatest admiration. Besides a few professional gentlemen, the membership consists of a high class of wealthy husbandmen. Their immediate Past Master, W. Bro. James McElroy, deserves some recognition by the Craft, for years of patient toil in behalf of his lodge.

One of the most successful lodges in the district is St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place. They have a large membership, and the attendance is very good; but like all the others, they have a big account of arrears. The percentage of membership in arrears over twelve months is twenty-one. They have a lodge and building almost entirely their own property. The class of material received into their lodge is, as far as I can judge, of the highest order. It is worthy of note (and the brethren of many lodges might copy their example), that they receive their visitors royally. The evening I was there, a brother from a foreign jurisdiction was present. On the following day, he assured me the St John's brethren did their duty by him, and made him feel glad of the relationship.

Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior, reported as being weak a few years ago, is now in a perfectly solvent and healthy condition. An excellent staff of officers rule the lodge. The W. M., W. Bro. Armon Burwash, fills his position with grace. The prosperity of the lodge, all admit, is the result of the unceasing application of V. W. Bro. Hood. R. W. Bro. Dr. Cranston, P.D.D.G.M., was among the members present.

It will be gratifying to many, to hear that the Renfrew brethren are taking steps to secure new premises. Their lodge is by far too cramped; and the approach may be likened to a labyrinth. Unless escorted by a familiar brother, a visitor would never find his way in or out of the lodge. This lodge is a very prosperous one. The W. M., W. Bro. Mackay, jr., does excellent work—with a little experience, gained by visiting other lodges, he will become a jewel in the Craft.

The brethren of Mississippi Lodge, Almonte, are, in a measure, groping in darkness. With all the facilities they have

for lighting their lodge, they still cling to the primitive tallow candle. Freemasonry being a progressive science, it should be exhibited in this way as well as in others. Their veteran Secretary, W. Bro. A. Pollock, is a model of promptness in so far as communications are concerned. Almonte is the domicile of a P.D.D.G.M., but without assigning any reason therefor, I am sorry to learn, he rarely brightens the lodge and encourages the younger Craftsmen by his presence.

"A judge cannot be a witness in his own cause," so it is difficult for me to report upon the lodge of my adoption—Mattawa—and in behalf of which I have labored a great deal. This lodge is one of the most beautifully furnished in the Dominion, but animosity is the "worm i' the bud." The officers and brethren are an intelligent lot; still, sympathy and harmony among them do not exist. The W.M., Wor. Bro. John DeSousa, is an excellent worker and an accomplished gentleman. W. Bro. John McCracken is an old, yet active member of the lodge. He might fitly be called the "Grand Old Man" in Freemasonry in the Upper Ottawa.

Beyond the general remarks contained in this report, I have only a few words of advice to offer to the W.M.'s: To make your lodges successful, be punctual; do not delay opening your lodge. Dispatch your work with alacrity; avoid protracted discussions, being courteous and sympathetic to all; keep in close communication with your Secretary, who is next to you in point of importance in the lodge. Visit as many other lodges as you can. To qualify your subordinates for the position you hold, give them portions of a degree to confer; it will stimulate them with nobler and loftier aspirations. Induce brethren to read short essays on some subject or other. Following these suggestions, you will speedily find your attendance increase, and the brethren take a more lively interest in their lodges, and the general welfare of mankind.

On several occasions I received encouragement and wise counsel from R. W. Bros. W. R. White, D.G.M., David Taylor, William Rea, and G. S. Macfarlane—all P. D. D. G. M.'s, and also from V.W. Bros. A. Hood, and R. W. Kenning. Their experience in matters relative to the Craft, especially in the 16th District, has been profitable to me. I am pleased to acknowledge here their kindnesses; and I trust they may long be spared to continue their good work. The assistance of my District Secretary, Bro. Lewis MacNamara, I also gratefully acknowledge.

I regret very much that I am unable to show a statistical

table of "work done," etc., throughout my district, owing to the fact that the following lodges have not returned to me the form furnished by Grand Lodge for that purpose: Dalhousie, Doric, Fidelity, and Chaudiere (Ottawa); Mattawa, Goodwood (Richmond); St. John's (Vankleek Hill). Besides that, most of the forms received are erroneously made out. There cannot be an increase and decrease in the same lodge in the same year. I know, too, that there is some miscalculation in the averages of attendance. It seems to me that visiting brethren have been included in the average of attending members.

I find that, on an average, about 25% of the membership of all the lodges are in arrears in their dues, the lowest being Renfrew and Mississippi (Almonte), and the highest, Pembroke, which has 47%, with an arrearage account of \$325.50.

This must certainly show that the brethren of Pembroke are very remiss in their duty, and hold the clause in their By-laws, relating to unpaid dues, as a dead letter. Pembroke Lodge being the highest in the scale, I have taken that lodge as an example, but what I have stated may be fitly applied to all the others.

The question of arrearages is one that has vexed more than one lodge. In my humble opinion, the only way out of the difficulty is for each lodge to enact by-laws making it obligatory on brethren to pay their fees, monthly or annually, in advance; and, in default of three months' dues, after being duly notified, their names to be struck off the roll of membership, and the Grand Secretary, D.D.G.M., and all the lodges in the district, apprised of the action. I am informed of a case in one of the city lodges (I forget which), where a brother remained in arrears for twelve years or more. Such an instance as this, apart from the principle involved, is simply absurd, particularly when the lodge has to pay for such delinquents (G. L., local Board of Relief, and Library) fees equal to eighty-five cents each per annum.

Feeling convinced that a D.D.G.M. cannot, in one year, adequately do justice either to himself or the district, I trust the brethren, for the future, will select a thoroughly competent brother to fill the office, and allow him to have at least a two-years' tenure thereof.

As a souvenir, and to carry out a suggestion made to me, I have presented each lodge in my district with a large photograph of myself, as D.D.G.M. The idea, I think, is a good one, and, I trust, all those who have preceded me, as well as

those who will follow, will likewise act on the suggestion.
“*Forsan et hæc olim meminisse juvabit.*”

In conclusion, I desire to thank my brethren for the courtesy and attention shown to me everywhere. While I have reason to be delighted over my election to the highest office in the district, and while I am proud of the confidence reposed in me, I feel that I have not carried out the plan I formulated, nor followed the promptings of my own heart ; yet the circumstances that prevented me are known to many, and are, I trust, adequate to arouse the tenderness and forgiveness of the most exacting brethren.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT A. KLOCK, D.D.G.M.,
Ottawa District, No. 16.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit the following account of my proceedings as District Deputy Grand Master of Algoma District (No. 17), and of the state of Masonry in my district.

FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS.

My first official act, after entering on my duties, was to appoint W. Bro. Rev. J. Irvine, of Keystone Lodge, No. 412, District Chaplain, and Bro. T. H. Elliott, of the same lodge, District Secretary. I duly notified the different lodges in my district of these appointments, and also called their attention to parts of the constitution I feared might be overlooked by some of the officers, at the same time urging upon their attention matters that I considered of vital importance to the welfare of the Craft in the district. I have visited all the lodges in my district, and find that on the whole the prospects of Masonry are bright. I must thank the officers of the different lodges for the assistance they have given me in performing my duties, and for their response to my requests during my term of office, which, with a few exceptions, have been hearty and prompt, and I feel that any neglect the officers have been guilty of in this respect has been through carelessness and not from any improper motive. I would, however, urge on the different officers the necessity, in a district like this where the lodges are so far apart, and the time occupied in getting a report so long, of a prompt response to all requests and demands made by the proper authorities.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie : I paid my first official visit to this, my mother lodge, on the 8th of February, 1892. The lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees, and the second degree exemplified in a creditable manner ; the only thing that marred in the slightest the almost perfect working of the degree was the absence of both the deacons, which compelled the W. M. to fill their places with members not fully acquainted with the work. The attendance of members was good, and I had also the pleasure of meeting a large number of American brethren from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, among whom were a number of

past and present Grand Lodge officers, whose remarks were much appreciated by myself and the other members of the lodge. I visited this lodge officially again on Monday, the 19th of June, 1893, when the first and third degrees were conferred in an admirable manner, all the officers doing their work well, and it would in fact be hard to excel the work done by the present officers of Keystone Lodge. There is a lot of good material presenting itself to this lodge; the number of members in attendance at the meetings, and their interest in the work generally is increasing, and the prospects of this lodge in every respect are the brightest. The brethren have lately expended a large amount of money in fitting up their lodge room, and have now the best furnished lodge room in the district. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are complete and well kept in every particular.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William : I visited this lodge on the night of their regular meeting, March 29th, 1893. The lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees, and two candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and although some parts of the ceremony were not so impressive as they might have been, I think this was due to nervousness on the part of the W. M., and the work generally was well and correctly done. There was a large attendance of members, and both the officers and members seemed enthusiastic. If the brethren of this lodge exercise proper care in the admission of new members, and never fail or neglect to display at all times the true principles of Masonry and brotherly love in their dealings with each other and their fellow-men, there is no reason why this lodge should not have a very prosperous future before it. The books of the lodge are neatly kept, but are incomplete. I, however, received the assurance of the Secretary that a complete set would at once be procured.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Rat Portage : I visited this lodge on Friday evening, March 31st, at an emergent meeting kindly called for my accommodation, when the lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees, and the first degree exemplified in a fair manner. The W. M. was not as well acquainted with the work as I would have liked, but that was owing, no doubt to some extent, to want of practice, as, up to the time of my visit, only one candidate had been initiated since the installation of the present W. M. This lodge is in a good condition, financially, and has a large membership, all of whom I found, at heart, good and enthusiastic Masons, but they have not of late

been taking the interest in their lodge that they should. I think, however, a greater interest in Masonry is now being awakened, and that this lodge will soon be able to take its place in the front rank of the lodges in the district. On the night of my visit there was a large attendance of members and visitors, and the gathering was particularly marked by the number of Past Masters present. I spent a very happy evening with the brethren of this lodge, and I shall long remember my visit to Pequonga Lodge, and the kindness shown me by the brethren while in their town. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are complete, and are models of neatness.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin : I visited this lodge, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Ferguson, a Past D.D.G.M. of this district, and a number of other members of Pequonga Lodge, on the evening of April 1st, 1893, when an emergent meeting had been called at my request. The W. M., W. Bro. Mather, was unavoidably absent from home, but I learned that he was well skilled in the work and able to work all the degrees in an efficient manner. In the absence of the W. M., his place was ably filled by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Robertson. The lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and a candidate initiated in such a way as to satisfy me with the manner in which the work is done in this lodge. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, filling their handsome lodge-room, and manifesting the deep interest taken by the brethren in this part of the district in Masonry. The prospects of this lodge are bright. The books of the lodge are the most complete in the district, and are kept in a perfect manner.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur : I visited this lodge on the night of their regular meeting, April 4th, 1893, and it is needless to say that I found this lodge, which has long been the banner lodge of the district, as well as, with one exception, the home of all my predecessors, in a flourishing condition. The skill of the W. M., R. W. Bro. Fraser, Past D. D. G. M., is a household word with the Craft throughout the district, and although he was absent from home on my visit, his place was admirably filled by W. Bro. Demuth, I.P.M. The attendance of the members of this lodge is good, the financial condition excellent, and in every respect the lodge is in a first-class condition. The books of this lodge are well kept, but are of a very imperfect and incomplete kind ; this I expect, however, has been remedied before now. I must express my thanks for the kindness shown to me during my stay in Port Arthur, by R. W. Bro. Dobie, my predecessor in office, and by all the

brethren of Shuniah Lodge. I would, indeed, be very ungrateful if I did not appreciate highly the kindness shown to me by all the officers and brethren of the different lodges when on my tour of official visits through the district.

ARREARS OF DUES.

All the lodges in the district, except Keystone, have a large amount of dues in arrears, and for this, in my opinion, there is no excuse. In most cases, those in arrears are members who can well afford to pay their dues, and it is simply through carelessness or neglect that they have not done so. I am confident, if the officers of the different lodges impartially, but firmly, carried out the provisions of the constitution in this respect, this evil would be remedied, and less trouble and friction caused than when members are allowed to go for years without paying their just debts to their lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted the following dispensations to attend Divine service clothed as Masons, viz.: Shuniah, 287, on January 1st and June 25th, 1893, and Pequonga Lodge, 414, on January 1st and June 25th, 1893.

D. D. G. M.'S EXPENSES.

I do not wish to take up time in going over this ground that has so often been covered before, but it is a matter of no small importance in this district, where a D.D.G.M. has to travel, as I have done, over 2,000 miles, to visit each lodge in his district once, and I would express my strong approval of the remarks made by the Committee on the Condition of Masonry in their report on this subject last year.

DEATHS.

No deaths have been reported to me during the year, but I notice by the return just received from Shuniah Lodge, that one brother from that lodge has been called way. This was the first intimation I had, however, that the Craft in this district had suffered by death.

RETURNS.

I regret that owing to the failure of one lodge to furnish me the necessary information, although the Secretary has been requested twice so to do, I am unable to furnish complete tabulated statements, but submit herewith a table shewing work done in the lodges from which I have been able to get returns.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I am pleased to report that with but trifling exceptions, the greatest harmony exists throughout the district, not only between the different lodges, but between the members of each lodge, and no complaints or differences have been submitted to me for settlement during my term of office. All the lodges have comfortable and well-furnished places to meet in, and the furniture of every lodge is insured. There are no weak lodges in the district, and I am confident a bright future awaits the Craft in this western part of the jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. HEARST, D.D.G.M.,
Algoma District, No. 17.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Algoma District, No. 17, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem-ber-ship.			Degree's conf'd		Meet-ings held.	Average attendance of mem-b-ers.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrears.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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* No returns made by Secretary, though twice requested to do so.

NIPISSING DISTRICT, No. 18.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :

As required by the constitution, I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighteenth Masonic District.

I desire first to thank the brethren of this district, for having done me the high honor of electing me their first D.D.G.M., and also for the kind manner in which I have been received by them on my official visits.

My first official act after my election, was to appoint W. Bro. James Whitten, W.M. of Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, District Secretary, to whom I have to express my thanks for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

The general condition of Masonry is satisfactory in this district, all the lodges with one exception being conducted in a business-like manner, having suitable rooms and the necessary requirements.

I officially visited all the lodges in the district except Muskoka Lodge, No 360, at Bracebridge. As I attended the stated meetings of this lodge during the year as a private member, I am enabled to say that the W.M. and officers are looking after its affairs properly, and the work is done in a workman-like manner. This lodge has forty members. Assets \$753.92, and liabilities \$95.17, as per last official report. The one-half of these liabilities have since been paid off. This is a conservative lodge, and adheres to the rule laid down at its formation viz., to make Masons not members.

Although this district is composed of only seven lodges, I have been compelled to travel nine hundred and eighty one (981) miles to visit six of them.

Nickel Lodge, No. 427, Sudbury: As directed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I visited this lodge on the 2nd day of November 1892, delivered to them their Warrant of Constitution, constituted and dedicated the lodge, and installed and invested the officers, in which duties I was assisted by R.W. Bro. W. H. Hearst, D.D.G.M., Algoma District; W. Bro. James Sharpe, of Ionic Lodge, No. 229, G.R.C., and W. Bro. Chas. Douglas, of Hope Lodge, No. 335, G.R. of Ireland. This is a model lodge throughout, viz., in officers, furniture, and general appointments. The W.M. exemplified

the first degree, ably assisted by his officers. From the manner in which it was done, I am satisfied as a worker he is second to none. Its Secretary, Rev. Bro. S. Rondeau, keeps the model minute book of the district. There were thirty-six members present on my visit. This lodge omitted to make the half-yearly return in June, 1892. Carries \$350.00 insurance.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville : I visited this lodge on the 30th November, 1892, the night of the election of their officers. This lodge has improved very much of late years, which I am led to believe is partially due to the residence of W. Bro. Sacred, among the Huntsville brethren. The lodge is prosperous, has a suitable lodge-room and properly furnished. The ante-rooms are not what they should be, especially the smaller one. This room should not be used as a store room for coal oil cans, wood, etc. The out-going W.M. and officers exemplified the third degree in a creditable manner, and from what I know of the incoming W.M., I believe the lodge will be kept up to its present standard. The books are kept fairly well. There appears to be a slight friction between the out-going secretary and several members over financial matters. From the discussion carried on at the meeting, I concluded that if the Secretary had done wrong, the lodge was not free from blame, owing to the neglect in not having the books audited at proper intervals. This lodge does not meet promptly at the appointed hour. No. of members on roll 48. Average attendance 15. Present at my visit, 25. Insurance, \$300.00. Liabilities, \$75.

Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay : I visited this lodge on the 27th December, 1892, and installed the officers. The W. M. and officers of this lodge do their work correctly. The furniture and appointments are of the better kind. The ante-rooms are too small ; this will be remedied. No. of members, 83 ; insurance, \$200 ; assets, \$700 ; arrears on books, \$179. The books are properly kept.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst : I visited this lodge on the 30th January, 1893. The ceremonies of opening and closing in the three degrees were exemplified in a correct manner. The furniture and appointments of this lodge are good ; the books are properly kept. Insurance, \$500 ; No. of members, 37 ; average attendance, 15. This lodge is very irregular in opening at the appointed hour. I noticed that it has opened as late as 9.20 p.m. ; this should be rectified by the W. M.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge : I visited this lodge on

the 19th April, 1893. This is the weak lodge of the district, and does not appear to have improved on former years. The lodge-room and contents of this lodge were destroyed by fire on the night of the 3rd April; fortunately they had \$200 insurance on the same. On my visit the lodge met in a room of such an unsuitable nature, that I did not require the W. M. to exemplify any of the degrees, and directed that no more meetings be held until a suitable room, properly furnished, was procured. In opening in the first degree, the W. M. did fairly well; the other officers are not properly posted. I am satisfied that material has been accepted by this lodge which should have been rejected. I am also satisfied that the moneys of this lodge have not been properly used. With 35 members on the roll, all dues paid up, the low rent paid for the hall (\$20 per annum), the class of furniture they had, and about three and a half years in existence, there ought to be more than \$39 in the Treasury, exclusive of insurance money. This lodge does not keep a proper set of books. The minute book is fairly well kept. It has no members' roll, nor a proper Tyler's Register; the members' ledger is a cheap book, made of Manilla paper, with a paper cover; the dates of initiating, passing and raising of a member are entered on one corner of the page of the members' ledger on which his account is kept. I directed that a proper set of books be procured at once. Prior to my visit to this lodge, a petition was presented to me asking to have it removed to Burk's Falls. Owing to the petition having only one half of the names of the members of the lodge on it, I referred the same to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, along with a counter petition. The brethren who are opposed to the removal have given strong assurances that every effort would be made to place the lodge on a proper footing.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: I visited this lodge on the 28th day of May, 1893, and found it in a prosperous condition. No. of members on roll, 52. The books are properly kept; the room is suitable, and the officers exemplified the third degree in a very creditable manner. This is the only lodge in the district that owns the building in which it meets. The assets over liabilities of this lodge are eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800). From statements made to me, I have every reason to believe that all the liabilities will be wiped out in a very few years. This lodge has the same fault that the majority of lodges have, viz., not opening promptly at the appointed hour. This lodge has voted \$75 for relief, exclusive of a grant from Grand Lodge of \$25.

I beg to draw your attention to the lack of uniformity in the books used by private lodges, and would respectfully suggest that this could be remedied by the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointing a committee to design a set of books for the use of private lodges : that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have the same manufactured in quantities ; that the same be supplied to lodges at an advance on cost. Also that all new lodges be required to procure a set of the same on formation. This would enable lodges to procure books at a reasonable price. At present, excessive prices have to be paid owing to one set being manufactured at a time, and each lodge furnishing its own design. I think uniform books would be of assistance to D.D.G M.'s, and enable them to make their inspection more complete.

I granted dispensations to the following lodges, to enable the members to attend Divine service clothed as Masons, viz., Nipissing, Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, on 18th day of June, and Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, on 25th day of June, 1893.

I have annexed a statistical return for the district

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ISAAC HUBER, D.D.G.M.,
Nipissing District, No. 18.

GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M. OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Table showing the work done in Nipissing District, No. 18, from June 24th, 1892, to June 24th, 1893.

Number of Lodge.	NAME OF Lodge.	LOCATION.	Mem- bership.		Degrees conferred			Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N.P.D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meet- ings held.			Average attendance of mem- bers.	Amount paid for relief.	No. of members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all Arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all Members.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.					Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
352	Granite ..	Parry Sound	50	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	15	\$75 00	3	\$33 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	Yes
360	Muskoka ...	Bracebridge	40	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	11	11	12	..	8	42 25	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	\$300 00
376	Unity	Huntsville	48	2	..	3	3	3	5	1	..	..	..	12	1	13	..	15	141 25	Jan., '93.	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
409	Golden Rule ..	Gravenhurst....	33	..	4	1	2	1	1	3	..	..	..	5	3	8	..	4	35 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	..	..
420	Nipissing....	North Bay.....	85	12	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	12	2	14	18	..	12	59 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Good	Yes	500 00
423	Strong	Sundridge	36	..	..	6	5	5	6	1	..	..	13	2	15	9	25 00	11	36 75	Dec. 27, '92.	Good	Doubtful	No	..
427	Nickel	Sudbury	68	17	..	17	14	22	..	1	..	..	12	10	22	21	..	15	123 00	Dec. 27, '92.	Fair	Good	Yes	350 00

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board recommend that Warrants be granted to Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, Ontario District, No. 12 ; Port Elgin Lodge, Port Elgin, North Huron District, No. 5 ; Acacia Lodge, East Toronto, Toronto District, No. 11 ; and Moravian Lodge, Eden Grove, North Huron District, No. 5.

All the above Lodges have been under dispensation for over a year, with the exception of Moravian Lodge, to which dispensation was granted on March 13th of this year.

The D.D.G.M.'s have, in each instance, certified to the proper equipment of the lodge-rooms, and the ability of the officers to carry on the work in an efficient manner.

In reference to the matter of the removal of Strong Lodge, No. 423, from Sundridge to Burk's Falls, the Board recommend that no action be taken, and that the petitions for and against said removal be filed.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

L. SECORD,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by V. W. Bro. L. Secord, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board beg leave to report :

1st. That they have examined the following duly certified accounts and recommend the same to the Finance and Audit Committee for payment :—

Howell Litho. Co. (lithographing cheque books)	\$ 32 00
Copp, Clark & Co. (certificates), to July, 1893.....	582 89
R. Duncan & Co (stationery), to July, 1893.....	41 65
Times Printing Co. (circulars, etc.), to July, 1893....	171 35
J. Eastwood & Co. (sundries), to July, 1893.....	30 14
J. Eastwood & Co. (books for Committee on Benevo-	
lence).....	17 25

Total..... \$875 28

2nd. That in accordance with instructions from Grand Lodge, an inventory of the contents of the Grand Secretary's office, including a statement in detail of the supplies on hand on July 15th, 1893, has been made, and the Board recommend that the same be kept by the Grand Secretary for future reference.

3rd. The Board further recommend that, in future, upon the presentation of properly certified accounts from the contractor for printing, bearing the signatures of the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, orders be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for an amount not exceeding ninety per cent. of the amount certified, the balance to be paid as soon after the succeeding Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as circumstances will permit.

4th. In view of the almost universal desire that larger type than that at present be used for the matter termed the "body" of the "Grand Lodge Proceedings," and the fact that the specifications supplied to the printing firms did not ask for estimates for printing the "Proceedings in Long Primer and Brevier, the Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be requested to revise the specifications in accordance with this suggestion, and solicit new tenders for the work on the lines indicated, for the years 1894, '95, '96. We would further recommend that during the interim of Grand Lodge, the Chairman of Committee on Printing and Supplies, together with R. W. Bros. Hungerford and Davis, be empowered to award the contract for the printing to the lowest bidder, everything else being equal.

5th. The Board will endeavor to place the different reports of Grand Lodge in the hands of the brethren as soon as possible after their submission thereto.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

Subsequently the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies was re-considered, and its adoption again moved, when it was moved in amendment by V. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, seconded by W. Bro. T. A. McGillivray,

That the contract for printing be awarded to the lowest original tender, subject to such changes in style of type as may be desired and upon a similar basis, and that the report so amended be adopted.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

The original motion for the adoption of the Report was then put to Grand Lodge, and declared *carried*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on Audit and Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys secured by the Grand Secretary have been regularly paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt acknowledged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a full statement of the receipts from all sources, as well as other business transacted in that office.

The Grand Treasurer's report contains the expenditure for the year, and shows the different associations in which our investments are made.

The Board observe that, in accordance with the resolution made last year, the sum of \$5,000 has been invested in the Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Loan and Savings Co.

The total receipts have been	\$21,522 27
Expenditure	17,482 03

Balance	\$4,040 24
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The receipts last year were \$20,359 77, leaving a balance in favor of this year of \$1,162 50.

The expenditure last year was \$14,345 73, while this year it is \$17,482 03, which is explained by the following payments other than ordinary :—

J. B. Nixon, expenses <i>re</i> Benevolence	\$ 220 05
M.W. Bro. J. R. Robertson, expenses two years ..	1,000 00
Testimonial to M.W. Bro. J. R. Robertson... ..	250 00
(Both amounts donated by him to Sick Childrens' Hospital.)	
Hunter, Rose & Co (Ceremonies)	1,000 00
Extra Benevolent Grants, 1892.....	2,371 25

\$4,841 30

The funds of Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1893, were as follow :—

Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Co, London.....	\$15,000 00
due 1st Jan., '95. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
Canada Permanent Loan & Savings Co., Toronto...	10,000 00
due 1st Oct., '96. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
Landed Banking & Loan Co., Hamilton	5,000 00
due 1st Nov., '94. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
Landed Banking & Loan Co., Hamilton	10,000 00
due 1st Nov., '96. $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
Canada Savings & Loan Co., London.....	5,000 00
due 1st Nov., '94. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co., London.	5,000 00
due 1st Nov., '94. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
London Loan Co., London.....	10,000 00
due 1st Nov., '94. 5% $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., Toronto....	10,000 00
due 1st Nov., '95. $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	
Owen Sound, Grey & Bruce Savings Co.....	5,000 00
due 1st May, '98. 5% $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly.	

\$75,000 00

making the investments as follows :—

In London	\$35,000 00
In Hamilton.....	15,000 00
In Toronto.....	20,000 00
In Owen Sound.....	5,000 00

Total.....	\$75,000 00
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce....	6,589 39

\$81,589 39

which represent the balance at the credit of the following accounts:—

General Fund.....	\$68,407 14
Asylum Fund.....	13,182 25

\$81,589 39

The Board have examined the following accounts, and, finding them correct, recommend their payment :

Committee on Foreign Correspondence	\$100 00
G. Secretary, balance of Incidentals to 31 May, 1893,	167 53
“ Advance for Incidentals.....	500 00
Subscription to General Masonic Relief Association..	110 00
Grants to Benevolence.....	8,085 00

The Committee on Printing and Supplies having reported the following accounts, submitted to them from the Committee on Finance, as being correct, the Board recommend their payment :

Copp, Clark & Co., Certificates.....	\$582 89
John Eastwood & Co., stationery, \$30.14 and \$17.25..	47 39
Howell Lithographic Co., cheques	32 00
Robt. Duncan & Co, stationery.....	41 05
Times Printing Co., sundry printing	171 35

\$875 28

The Board in reply to the application of the General Committee of the Grand Masonic Charity Fair, to be held in Halifax, N.S., soliciting a donation to that enterprise, regret that they cannot recommend Grand Lodge to make any grant for that purpose, but have no objection to the Secretary of the Fair issuing notices respecting the same to the lodges in our jurisdiction.

In reference to the application of Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor, asking that the fee for dispensation paid by them for raising a brother within the specified time, said brother having been passed by Doric Lodge, 223, on the 14th October, and then raised by Windsor Lodge within the prescribed time, the Board cannot recommend any remission, as it was clearly the duty of Windsor Lodge to have waited for information from Doric Lodge.

Application is made by St. David's Lodge, No. 302, asking to have the fee for a new charter remitted, as the old one was destroyed by fire. The Board, under the circumstances set forth in the petition, recommend that the fee be remitted.

The Board, in view of the fact that payments are requested by the Contractors for Grand Lodge Printing from time to time during the year, beg to recommend that upon the Certificate of the Grand Secre-

tary that the work has been done, and the recommendation of the Chairman of Printing, the Deputy Grand Master sign said cheques.

Fraternally submitted,

T. SARGANT,

Chairman Sub-Committee Audit and Finance

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargant, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Board, through the Committee on Benevolence, beg leave to report that they have received 279 applications, which have been dealt with as follows, viz. :

140 applications from private lodges, of which	
132 have been granted, amounting to.....	\$3,820 00
8 have been refused.	
143 applications from Local Boards of Relief, of which	
132 have been granted, amounting to.....	3,430 00
11 have been refused.	

By special grants of Grand Lodge—

To Mrs. Wilson	150 00
To Miss Mary Wilson	300 00
To Miss L. M. Harris.....	75 00
To Miss M. H. Harris	75 00
Direct grants to Local Boards of Relief.....	235 00

\$8,085 00

In 1892 there were—

160 applications from private lodges, of which	
129 were granted, amounting to.....	\$3,830 00
31 were refused.	
170 applications from Local Boards of Relief, of which	
125 were granted, amounting to	2,980 00
45 were refused.	
Special grants of Grand Lodge to individuals were the same as this year.....	525 00
Direct grants to Local Boards of Relief.. ...	265 00

\$7,600 00

The Board regret that they have still to complain of the unsatisfactory way in which applications for relief are sent in, in many instances, causing unnecessary trouble and delay.

In the case of Niagara Lodge, No. 2, the application was received with all the important questions unanswered. It was sent back for

amendment, and on its return it was found on examination that no local aid was given, and that the resolution of the lodge was not filled in.

The following Lodges sent in applications where the applicants were not in need, viz. :

1	from	Lodge, No. 11,
3	"	" " 42,
1	"	" " 107,
3	"	" " 123,
2	"	" " 135.

Applications were received where the relatives were able to support, from

Lodge, No. 129, 1, and
" " 316, 1.

From Lodges 91 and 139, applications were received for parties not living in the Province of Ontario, and in neither case was local aid given.

The Board regret that no local aid was given by Lodges 42, 64, 225, and 249.

Applications for renewals were not sent in, in four instances, viz. : two from Lodge 69 and two from the Toronto Board of Relief.

The Board are pleased to be able to report that they have been obliged to refuse only 19 applications as against 76 in 1892, as the granting of aid is the most pleasant duty of the Board.

The Board would recommend that in future, on the death of a member, when it is the intention to make application to Grand Lodge for relief to his widow or family, that such application be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence within sixty days after such death, or earlier, if possible.

The Board would further suggest that the second semi-annual payment of each new grant be dependent upon the enquiry and favorable report of an investigating officer, if such officer is appointed.

It is a matter of the deepest regret that some lodges have not made application for relief in instances where extreme need has been reported to the Board but where no action could be taken.

In several instances excessive sums have been paid by lodges for funerals, and the amounts granted to the surviving families have been extremely small, the ability to aid the living being reduced by the heavy outlay in providing elaborate funerals for the dead. Your Board deplore such misapplication of the benevolent funds of lodges, and recommend that the disposal of those funds be most strictly guarded.

The Board recommend the relaxation of the rule requiring the granting of local aid, where the beneficiaries have removed from the locality of the lodge of which the brother for whom, or on account of whose family, the application has been made.

With regard to an application received through R. W. Bro. V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec'y of Sussex, England, on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother who formerly belonged to Colborne Lodge, No. 91, and removed to Brighton some years ago, the Board regret their inability to comply with the request, as they are not authorized to dispense aid outside of this jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. GIBSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. William Gibson, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The arduous but pleasant task of reviewing the reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters has again fallen to our lot. The members of Grand Lodge have little idea of the time expended in this labor of love, although none are simple enough to imagine that the two days preceding the opening of Grand Lodge are sufficient for the completion of the task. Careful reading and extracting is required in order to place before Grand Lodge a concise and intelligent report of all matters of importance in the several districts.

We believe that our reports have been of great benefit not only in pointing out to the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters the matters which require immediate and careful attention, but in encouraging the officers and members of the various lodges throughout the jurisdiction to put forth greater efforts in the task of building up and making the Craft more powerful in this fair province. We desire to do justice to all, and to present for your consideration matters which we deem of importance. We are sensible of many omissions and imperfections in our work ; this can not be avoided, nor can there be an improvement expected until our requests of former years have been complied with, and the reports sent to the Grand Secretary on or before the fifth day of July in each year. The Constitution is very clear on this point, and a strict observance of it is as necessary on the part of the D. D. G. M. as of a private member of the Order. We do not bring this matter before you in a complaining mood, but simply to emphasize the fact that a faithful discharge of duties cannot be expected when reports are received two days before the meeting of Grand Lodge. An improvement on this line in the future is earnestly requested.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

We have great pleasure in opening our circle to the new District, Nipissing, No. 18. Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on the wisdom displayed in detaching lodges from the Georgian, Ottawa and Algoma Districts, and forming the new District. The report of the D. D. G. M. shows decided improvement in the lodges, with a bright prospect for future usefulness.

For the last few years it has been the boast of Grand Lodge that its District D. G. M.'s were an efficient and painstaking band of officers whose devotion to duty and the requirements of the Constitution earned for them well deserved congratulations. The good work done and the example set by these brethren have not been wanting in results. It is gratifying to again record that Grand Lodge has every reason to be proud of the brethren who have had charge of the districts during the year. A more careful, efficient, and painstaking body of men cannot be found in any Grand Lodge. They appear to have been imbued with

a keen sense of duty, and nothing has been left undone that might possibly prove beneficial to the lodges and members. The reports are worthy of careful study; they contain advice and suggestions that will be beneficial not only to Grand Lodge but to the Craft in general.

In the 18 districts we have 348 lodges, with a membership of over 22,000 Masons in good standing. These lodges are distributed over the cities, towns and villages of the Province, and a great number of them can only be reached by driving over ill-conditioned roads. These circumstances, together with personal business sacrifices on the part of each D.D.G.M., in his desire to faithfully perform his duty, must be considered in order to appreciate the work of these brethren. The thanks of Grand Lodge are tendered to them, and may their conduct be an example to all future officers. We find that all the lodges, with the exception of four, in South Huron, have been visited once, while the D.D.G.M's. of the St. Clair, London, Toronto, Frontenac and St. Lawrence Districts, have made two and three official visits to several of their lodges. With regard to South Huron, business engagements of a pressing nature, together with illness, prevented the D.D.G.M. from visiting the four lodges on the regular nights of meeting. Subsequently he endeavored, but without success, to have emergent meetings called in order to complete his visits. The above grand record of visits is very gratifying, and the result is shown in the marked increase in our numbers, and in the decided improvement in the standing of several lodges reported weak and retrograding in former years.

We are well aware of the numerous duties imposed on the D.D.G.M's., and the distances to be travelled in order to complete their tour of visits, but it will not be out of place to offer suggestions, which, if acted upon, must produce favorable results. To our minds the success of the Craft is in keeping of the Grand Master's representatives. They should keep in continuous touch with all the lodges. As they set the example, so will the various officers copy them. The act of visiting a lodge unattended with good counsel, encouragement and assistance, will be barren of results. Keep in constant communication with the Masters and Secretaries; you will thereby be enabled to ascertain the progress they are making, and spur them to greater activity where found necessary. Let it be your aim to bring each lodge to a state of perfection, even if you have to make two or three visits, rather than report the unsatisfactory state of affairs at first found by you. You will thereby eudear yourselves to the Craft of your respective districts, and your efforts will be appreciated by Grand Lodge. We have no fault to find with your conscientious, honest work of the year, but consider it our duty to point out a course of action which will produce more gratifying results. In this respect the actions of various D. D. G. M's. are commendable, particularly so in Toronto, Hamilton and Georgian Districts. Lodges in Toronto and Georgian Districts reported against last year have, by the constant attention of the D.D.G.M's., been placed on the road to prosperity. The anxiety of the Hamilton representative to be in a position to report no weak lodge in his district is worthy of more than a passing notice. The members of a lodge took so little interest in its affairs that the surrender of the warrant was in contemplation. The D.D.G.M., accompanied by prominent brethren, visited them twice, and by argument and entreaty endeavored to overcome the depression of the members. When this had not the desired effect he called a general meeting of all members of the Craft in the neighborhood, with the result that prosperity was assured. On

his last visit there were two candidates for initiation, and members who had been suspended for non payment of dues have signified their intention to place themselves in good standing, and work in the interests of the lodge. So much for a zealous officer, who is jealous of the honor and reputation of his district.

It is, however, to be regretted that the great majority of the D. D. G. M.'s have not furnished us with the tabulated statements, which on our instructions were furnished them by the Grand Secretary. The statements, if completed in every particular, would not only have lightened our labors, but would have enabled us to inform Grand Lodge of our numerical strength, together with the gains and losses for the year. Under the present system, it is impossible to give this information. Year after year we have only been able to give you an estimate of our standing, as same could not be correctly ascertained on account of a great number of the lodges sending in returns up to the month of December preceding Grand Lodge. We consider it of great importance to give exact information to the members of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication, and will request the Grand Secretary to notify all D.D.G.M.'s that statements must be completed in every particular, and forwarded with their reports fourteen days before the meeting of Grand Lodge. We are aware that several of our representatives were obliged to send in incomplete returns on account of the negligence of the W.M.'s and Secretaries. We have repeatedly pointed out that proper exercise of authority on the part of the D.D.G.M. will produce the desired effect. The District Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward suggests that a notification from the Grand Secretary to the various Masters that the forms sent them must be filled up, and duly forwarded to the D.D.G.M.'s, would no doubt be obeyed. The suggestion is worthy of a trial, and will receive his attention.

The following D.D.G.M.'s are entitled to our thanks for the assistance given us by their tabulated statements, viz.: Erie, North and South Huron, London, Georgian, Toronto, Ontario, Frontenac, St. Lawrence, Algoma and Nipissing. The statements of Toronto, Ontario and Nipissing are complete in all particulars.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

It is to be regretted that notwithstanding the importance attached by all Grand Masters to Lodges of Instruction, we are obliged to report an almost general disregard of instruction in this particular. Some of the D.D.G.M.'s are of the opinion that the holding of Lodges of Instruction is unnecessary, on account of the work being more easily accessible to the Master and Wardens than in former years, and the frequent interchange of visits between lodges. We are obliged to disagree on this subject, and can only repeat the advice given by us on former occasions, that such meetings not only produce thoroughness and efficiency in the work, but bring the members of a district into closer contact with each other, and greater interest is thereby taken in masonic affairs. We therefore impress on the D.D.G.M.'s the necessity of holding one meeting at least in each district during the coming year. Erie District had two very successful meetings. St. Clair held one meeting, at which two hundred brethren were present. London had three very successful meetings. North Huron had a large meeting, where seven lodges were well represented, and Toronto had a very successful meeting in Aurora, at which members of ten country lodges were present.

D. D. G. M. EXPENSES.

It is with great hesitation that we again approach this subject. We feel, however, that scant justice would be done our faithful and painstaking D.D.G.M.'s, to whom all credit is due, if we did not again bring their complaints before Grand Lodge. On reading over the reports of the various Grand Lodges of the United States, you will find the Grand Lodge of Canada congratulated on possessing men who so love the Order, and respect the confidence reposed in them as to visit and instruct all the lodges in the jurisdiction. These Grand Lodges are, however, ignorant of the fact that we take little or no trouble in aiding this devoted band of brethren to collect the expenses of their visits from the various lodges. True, the Constitution provides for the payment of same by each lodge visited, but year after year your attention has been drawn to the utter disregard of this provision, and not only do our representatives take time from their business and domestic affairs in order to make Grand Lodge prosperous, but they are all obliged to be at the loss of the expenses of the visits. You are not justified in demanding such sacrifices. We again ask Grand Lodge to consider this matter, and adopt a scheme by which the expenses shall be paid by Grand Lodge, and assessed against the lodges visited. The D.D.G.M. of Ontario states that his experience is identical with that of R. W. Bro. Mackay, P.D.D.G.M., referred to by us last year, and in the interests of his successor in office, he again calls the attention of Grand Lodge to the question; he favors our suggestions that Grand Lodge should pay the expenses. The District Deputy Grand Master of the Algoma District states that the question of expenses is a matter of no small importance in his district, where a D.D.G.M. has to travel over 2,600 miles to visit each lodge once, and strongly approves of our remarks on the subject in last year's report. We, however, find that satisfaction has been given in St. Clair, Niagara, Prince Edward, and Frontenac Districts. The D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward feels in duty bound to report that every lodge has contributed to his expenses, and that, without going hat-in-hand to ask for it, so that apart from loss of time, he has visited the whole district without the loss of a single dollar.

INSURANCE.

It is gratifying to report a general improvement in this respect throughout the whole jurisdiction. The D.D.G.M.'s are entitled to credit for convincing the members that business-like methods will pay in the end. St. Marks, 94, has built a new hall in place of the one destroyed by fire. They deserve praise for their manly fight. They have refurnished the lodge-room in a first-class manner and are free from debt. We sympathise with St. Davids, 302, and Simcoe, 79, in their loss by fire, but the former found friends in the members of St. Thomas, 44, who generously gave them the use of their hall. Strong, 433, has been struggling under adverse circumstances for some years and was burned out on 3rd April last; fortunately they were insured for \$200. With a few exceptions all the lodge-rooms in the Districts of Erie, St. Clair, London, Toronto and Algoma are properly insured.

DISPENSATIONS.

It is gratifying to notice that nearly all the D.D.G.M.'s have been called upon to issue Dispensations to allow the brethren to attend Divine service in Masonic Clothing. We trust that the custom every year may increase until every lodge in the jurisdiction is opened on St.

John's Day, and members attend places of worship to offer up praises and thanksgiving to Almighty God for blessings that are being continuously showered upon them. We therefore ask Grand Lodge to listen to the suggestions of the D.D.G.M. of London to the effect that the fee demanded for such dispensation be dispensed with in future. The reason given for the refusal of the D.D.G.M. of Erie to grant a dispensation for the brethren to appear in Masonic clothing at the decoration of the graves of departed brethren, meets with our approval. He was of the opinion that although the object was a laudable one, the carrying out of same without ostentation or display was more in accordance with the spirit of Freemasonry.

We notice that several D. D. G. M.'s have during the year granted dispensations to instal officers on other than the regular night of meeting of lodge. The Constitution clearly lays down their powers with regard to dispensations. The Grand Master alone has the power to issue dispensations in such cases, and it must not be usurped by his representatives. A strict adherence to the Constitution on this point must be insisted on.

WEAK LODGES.

For years we have been looking forward to the day when weak lodges would find no place in our reports. During the previous sessions of Grand Lodge the list of weak and retrograding lodges was so large that it was considered advisable to embrace the same in a supplementary report, which was not printed in the proceedings. We gave advice and offered suggestions on the subject. Last year we were delighted at the results of the work of the Grand Master and his representatives. We are now in a position to congratulate all the D. D. G. M.'s for their efforts on behalf of the weak lodges. They have placed Grand Lodge under a debt of gratitude to them. Last year five of our lodges were reported as retrograding and nineteen as weak. The result of this year's work shows that of the above lodges nineteen have been nursed back to strength and are now on the fair road to prosperity. Georgian District, which led the van in weak lodges last year, has now only one weak lodge, for which the D. D. G. M. is to be congratulated. We are sorry to record six weak lodges in Niagara District, as against one last year. The returns now show that three lodges are retrograding; that eleven are weak, and that there are in reality no weak lodges in the Erie, London, South Huron, North Huron, Windsor, Hamilton, Toronto, Prince Edward, Frontenac, St. Lawrence and Algoma Districts.

Grand Lodge will notice that of 348 lodges under its jurisdiction, only fourteen are unfavorably reported against. By the same careful attention on the part of the D. D. G. M.'s we trust to be in a position to present a clear sheet next year.

We herewith give a list of the weak lodges, with reasons assigned therefor. In Wellington District, we find that lack of harmony still exists in Guelph, 258. Their prospects do not appear to be very good. Last year the prospects appeared brighter for Prince Arthur, 334. It will require all the energy of the few members who take an interest in its affairs to keep it going. We trust that the D.D.G.M. will devote considerable attention to these two lodges.

Niagara District had only one weak lodge last year, namely, Myrtle, 337, in which we find no improvement. In addition thereto, the D. D. G. M. reports the following: Enniskillen, 185, appears to be dormant. This is strange, as it contains enthusiastic members, who purchased a new hall and paid for same. Attention and counsel of D.D.G.M. will

produce improvement. The members of Macnab, 169, take no interest in its affairs; average attendance is 7 out of 48. Prospects are poor, although from the surroundings there should be a prosperous lodge. St. George, 15, has a membership of 95, yet the average attendance is 9. Copetown, 373, shows an average attendance of seven, only three members were present to receive the D.D.G.M. We expect a more favorable report next year, and would again suggest that Myrtle, 337 (the majority of whose members are engaged in sailing) should amalgamate with a lodge in either Welland or Thorold. Several D.D.G.M's. have expressed themselves on the subject of amalgamation of small and weak lodges, all of which we heartily endorse.

Ontario District boasts of only one weak lodge, viz., Victoria, 398. The D.D.G.M. has, in accordance with our advice, given the lodge his best attention, but without success, and the prospects for the future are not bright while it remains at Victoria Road. The W.M. is a good worker and an enthusiastic Mason, and may possibly infuse new life into it, but the removal of the lodge to Cobocok, where the W.M. and several of the members reside, and where there are several Masons who will affiliate, will bring about the era of prosperity we so much desire.

Plantagenet, 186, is the only weak lodge in the Ottawa District. The brethren must remember that this lodge is situated in a densely populated French district, and its material has to be sought for at long distances. No material change can be expected until the Ottawa and Vaudreuil Railway passes through the village. The W.M. and brethren are entitled to great credit for their adherence to the little lodge.

Strong, 423, moved from the Georgian District to the Nipissing, appears to have been unfortunate, as it was destroyed by fire on the 3rd April last. Its present meeting place is so unsuitable that the D.D.G.M. has decided that no meetings shall be held until a suitable room has been procured. It is reported that unworthy material has been accepted; that no proper books are kept, and that lodge moneys are not properly used. An investigation of these charges should be had, and a report sent to the Grand Master for his instructions. If the lodge were moved from Sundridge to Burk's Falls an improvement is promised, but the brethren have promised to put it on a better footing if allowed to remain at Sundridge.

The D.D.G.M. of St. Clair is also to be congratulated on the good work done by him in bringing about prosperity in several lodges reported against last year. It is a pity, however, that Moore, 294, did not respond to his demands. Only one meeting was held from the visit of the previous D.D.G.M.; the opening of the lodge in the first degree was indifferently done. The removal of same to Courtright is advised. This was the advice given last year, and should be carried out, as a large number of the members reside in the vicinity, and new life would be infused. We would recommend the Grand Secretary to correspond with them concerning such removal, as from its present state it cannot reflect credit on Grand Lodge.

In South Huron, we find very little, if any, improvement. In Tudor, 141, the dues are not well paid, and the financial standing and prospects are only fair. We are glad to note, however, that the lodge meets regularly, and that the W. M. can work all the degrees.

IMPROVEMENTS.

It is with great satisfaction that we have to report the great improvement made by several of the weak lodges of last year, which demon-

strates the fact that energy, perseverance, and a proper conception of the objects of the Order, are requisites for their successful working. The Masters and Officers are entitled to credit for the efforts put forth by them to bring about this satisfactory state of affairs.

Since the amalgamation of Euclid, 368, and Beaver, 83, in St. Clair District, the latter is now ranked as among the best and most successful lodges. In London District, we find that Cameron, 232, has had ten candidates balloted for and accepted, and has several applications on the paper for ballot. The advice of the D.D.G.M., with reference to the care to be exercised in future in selecting officers who are competent to give a correct exemplification of all the degrees should be heeded by all lodges, as an incompetent and careless Worshipful Master can cause more hard work for his successors in office than can be imagined.

Moffat, 397, has so improved that its officers took part in the exemplification of work at the Lodge of Instruction; while Middlesex, 379, has moved into new quarters, and will only require care and attention to place it out of danger. Notwithstanding the hard luck in being burned out three times, Seymour, 277, of Niagara District, deserves praise for the perseverance of the officers and members, in bringing the lodge up to its present prosperous state.

Although there are no weak lodges in Wilson District, we consider it advisable to draw the attention of lodges in small places to Walsingham, 174, as an example of what determination and love of Masonry can do. A few years ago the light in this lodge had almost died out, but the brethren were determined that it should live, and by their exertions it is now one of the most prosperous in the district. We like the stamp of men who compose this lodge, and wish that several of our weak lodges had such Masons in their midst.

In Georgian District, the officers of Georgian, 348, are entitled to credit for its prosperous condition. Pythagoras, 137, has greatly improved, the indifference of its members being the only drawback. We would recommend the D.D.G.M. to copy the Hamilton District Deputy Grand Master, in his efforts respecting Waterdown Lodge, 357.

In Manitoba, 236, the Worshipful Master works well, but does not receive proper support from the Wardens and Deacons. The rooms are very small, but there is a movement on foot to secure more commodious premises. A little unpleasantness has arisen regarding an invasion of jurisdiction, which has been reported to the Grand Master. Otherwise the prospects are bright.

Seven Star, 285, has initiated two candidates; the work is well done, and the prospects are brighter than for years past.

Prince Arthur, 333, is more prosperous, and the officers are well posted, although the membership is small. The D.D.G.M., on the night of his visit, received a proof of the Masonic spirit possessed by them, as they privately contributed \$75 to aid a sick brother. May prosperous days be in store for them.

In Toronto District, the hard work of its popular D.D.G.M. has borne good fruit. He has succeeded in bringing about a prosperous condition that is highly gratifying. In Union, 118, the officers are proficient in work, although they have not had candidates. They are free from debt, and punctually pay Grand Lodge dues; the prospects are better than in former years.

Robertson, 292, can hardly be termed weak, although it still requires care and attention. The Worshipful Master is enthusiastic, and very hopeful of the future of the lodge.

Georgina, 343, is in the hands of a new set of officers, and a revival is at hand.

In Frontenac District, Albion, 109, is in good working order. Harmony prevails and the prospects are good.

In St. Lawrence District, Henderson, 383, has got in young blood, and the prospects for the future are bright. This is the last of the weak lodges in the district. Thanks are tendered to the D. D. G. M.'s for the heroic exertions put forth in the good work.

In the Ottawa District we find increased attendance, and a considerable decrease in arrearages of dues reported in favor of Evergreen, 209, while Madison, 196, is perfectly solvent and in a satisfactory condition. Some short time ago, Goodwood, 159, was threatened with decline, but it is now enjoying palmy days. The officers and members have to drive long distances to attend the meetings; their devotion is worthy of our admiration.

NEW LODGES.

At the last session of Grand Lodge, it was decided that the granting of warrants to Acacia Lodge, East Toronto, Toronto District; Port Elgin Lodge, Port Elgin, N. Huron District; and Fidelity Lodge, Port Perry, Ontario District, working under dispensations of the Grand Master, should be held over until the present meeting. We have carefully perused the reports of the respective D. D. G. M.'s on the above lodges, and find them in every way entitled to the favorable recognition of the Grand Lodge. A dispensation was issued in March last for a new lodge called Moravian, at Eden Grove, in North Huron District. The future of the lodge will depend on the faithful attendance of a few members. The territory is circumscribed, but the D. D. G. M. thinks the move a politic one. The matter will receive the attention of the Committee on Warrants.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

It is pleasant to record a continuation of the prosperity of last year. With the exception of a couple of districts, a steady and healthy growth in membership is shown throughout the whole jurisdiction. The absence of the tabulated statement prevents us from giving the exact increase up to the 30th of June last. It is worthy of notice that in Toronto District 400 new members have been added to the rolls, making the total membership 3,428. Other districts have also made remarkable increases. The presence of the Grand Master in several of the districts is marked by large gatherings of the brethren, and by renewed zeal and activity in all matters pertaining to the Craft. His words of wisdom and kind advice have endeared him to all. The kind attention given to all demands on his time, whether emanating from the leaders in the Craft or the entered apprentices in our ranks, has stamped him as a leader of men, and under whose sway the Craft will continue to prosper.

Very few disputes or differences, except in the case of the Ottawa District, exist within our borders. The work is exemplified with that uniformity and impressiveness that has been anxiously sought for. Very few instances are given of W. M.'s unable to perform their work, while the presence of Past Masters at all meetings, taking part in the work and encouraging and aiding the officers, is reported in nearly all the districts. It is a remarkable fact and cannot fail to attract attention, that the presence of Past Masters in lodges is attended by zeal and activity in the members and prosperity in the lodges. It is also a

pleasure to note that due credit for present prosperity is given to the united efforts of previous D. D. G. M.'s; it is what was to be expected from the generous, talented brethren who now preside over the districts. Another remarkable feature in the reports is the increased attendance of members at lodge meetings, which demonstrates the fact that more care and attention is given to the intellectual and social features of the Order. Fraternal visits not only between lodges in districts, but between lodges in one district and those in another, are of common occurrence, thereby tightening the existing bonds of friendship, and encouraging correct and uniform work in the officers. The international exchange of visits between Rehoboam, 65, and Erie Lodge, of Buffalo, N. Y. State, St. John's, 209a, and Detroit Lodge, of Detroit, Michigan, and Keystone, 412, and the brethren from Michigan, deserve more notice than can be given in this report. Such interchange of courtesies illustrates the fraternal feeling which exists between our Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of the United States. We are pleased to note that a continuation of these visits in the future is to be expected.

In two districts complaints are made regarding the negligence of Secretaries in not sending notices of meetings to members, and in giving one day's notice of the balloting for candidates. We quite agree with the remarks of the D. D. G. M.'s, and consider that a more healthy state of affairs will be brought about by notifying the members of the dates of all meetings, and that the conduct of the Secretaries in giving insufficient notice of the ballot will, if persisted in, create confusion in the lodges, and should be visited with severe penalties.

A healthier idea of the condition of Masonry can be gathered by presenting you with extracts from a few of the reports.

From Frontenac we learn that harmony and peace prevail, while loyalty to the Craft and to proper constituted authority is manifested by all. The work of the previous D. D. G. M. in amalgamating lodges has produced good results. In St. Clair District it is said that the improvement is not in work alone, but socially and morally there has been a general elevation of the Craft, classes which once constituted a large percentage being now excluded.

In the St. Lawrence District we find everything prosperous and harmonious. Lodges which seemed weakest last year, have taken a fresh lease of life, and never have they shown to better advantage.

The Ontario District is in a prosperous condition—not booming, but a steady increase, which is healthier—the membership is over 2,000. The system of marking lodges for excellence of work, adopted by the Ontario District Master, is worthy of the attention of all D. D. G. M's.

North Huron boasts that its splendid record has not been lowered. The condition is satisfactory; there has been a substantial gain in membership, and the prospects for the future are bright, while the energy and activity of the Worshipful Masters of South Huron have brought their lodges into a state of perfection.

Hamilton District is shown to be in an excellent condition. The lodges are ruled by excellent Masters, who are supported by tried and trusty Past Masters, and faithful and efficient officers. The attendance at meetings has been good, and zeal and enthusiasm in the cause of Masonry appears to be ever on the increase. There has been no cause of dispute or difference; the district is free from any disturbing element, and it maintains its long-established condition of harmony, goodwill, and fraternal feeling.

London District shows great improvement in good work, and that all the lodges are gaining in strength and prosperity.

The Erie D. D. G. M. says that "brotherly love and charity are not mere words among the brethren, and that both as individuals and members of lodges, they are at all times ready and willing to aid in the accomplishment of any laudable Masonic object."

The Toronto District has attained a proficiency that, if adhered to, will render the work of succeeding D. D. G. M's pleasant and easy. The matters of dispute, or difference of opinion, which, in many cases magnify themselves into mountains of discord, are happily unknown. When a conflict arises there is naturally expressed a disposition to bridge the difficulty in a harmonious and fraternal fashion. The report from Ottawa District, which is not of an encouraging nature, is a standing contrast to the condition shown in previous report. While the work of exemplifying degrees is of a first-class character, while the W. M's are able and cultured men, and while, to use the words of the D. D. G. M., the district has many members who are living examples of unselfishness and integrity, still, there appears in many of the lodges want of harmony, and not sufficient regard for these essentials without which prosperity cannot be expected. We have no doubt but that his remarks apply to some particular lodges and brethren, and do not include the whole district, about which we have been in the habit of receiving favorable reports. The report, however, contains advice and suggestions concerning the management of lodges, and the conduct of members, which is worthy of careful study, and which we recommend to not only the members of the district, but to all who desire success in Masonic work. We draw attention to the remarks regarding benevolence: He states that "there is very little pecuniary assistance given by lodges to such needy objects as Orphan Homes, Hospitals, and other institutions of a like nature for the amelioration of suffering humanity," but he is glad to see individual persons practise it largely. He would like to see a Benevolent Institution where Masons would have entire control, where the poorest Mason would feel that he has some voice, and which would not be regarded as a monopoly of the rich. We are pleased to notice that the unpleasantness of last year, between the Library and Hall Committee of Ottawa, has disappeared, and trust that peace and harmony will hereafter reign over the whole district.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

Applications are again made to make changes in the existing boundaries of some of the districts. It is unnecessary to repeat the warnings heretofore given by us on the subject; good and sufficient reasons should be given, before a change should be agreed to.

There is a notice of motion before Grand Lodge to detach Maxville, 418, from St. Lawrence and attach it to Ottawa. The Ottawa D. D. G. M. visited the lodge in June last, when the matter was discussed. As the matter will come before Grand Lodge, it is unnecessary to give our opinion on the subject.

Last year it was reported that the Toronto District favored the division into two districts; the present D. D. G. M. is opposed to any change. He states that the country lodges do not want it, and that all the lodges are easy of communication. The members of King Solomon's Lodge, 394, desire to have the lodge transferred to Wilson District.

BENEVOLENCE.

It is gratifying to notice the good work done in all the districts, but one, in assisting and relieving our sick and needy brethren. We learn from the report that large sums are given by the lodges to those found worthy, and when funds of the lodges are not available, the members contribute of their means in caring for those in distress; some of the lodges in the Hamilton District have given entertainments for the benefit of the general poor of the neighborhood, and have realized and distributed large sums in this manner, thus giving a lesson as to the extent of our charity. In Erie District we find that the Chatham lodges have, at their joint expense, beautifully furnished a room in the General Hospital, thus giving positive and tangible proof of the practical charity that exists among the brethren, and an example that might be followed throughout the jurisdiction, while in Toronto District, in addition to the distribution of \$1,650 by the lodges to the needy brethren, it is the custom for a number of the City lodges to make presents of large sums of money at Christmas time to the Sick Children's Hospital, General Hospital and other benevolent institutions.

COLLECTION OF DUES.

Time will not permit an extended review on this subject, and advice thereon has been frequently given. We can, however, congratulate Grand Lodge on the improvement under this heading. More attention has been bestowed on the same by the D.D.G.M.'s., and the various W. M's. The application of common sense business principles is necessary in the government of lodges. The small indebtedness is easily collected, but when it assumes large proportions, carelessness and indifference on the part of the delinquents are to be expected. Some few districts are still groaning under the crying evil. Toronto District shows a total arrearage of \$4,716.57. Three of the lodges show arrearages of \$640, \$580, and \$520 respectively. Georgian District also shows little improvement in this respect. Orillia, 192, has \$400 outstanding. South Huron has several lodges which should give attention to the subject. Frontenac and North Huron are to be congratulated on having dues well collected. Union Lodge, 7, and Seymour, 277, occupy the proud position of having all their dues collected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The District Deputy Grand Masters of Toronto and Ottawa Districts draw attention of Grand Lodge to the benefits to be derived in having all the lodges elect their officers in the month of June, thus enabling the D.D.G.M. to have in his charge one set of officers in each lodge during his term of office; he will also be enabled to present Grand Lodge with a correct review for the year during which he presided over the district.

CENTENARY OF FREEMASONRY.

The Toronto lodges are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts in celebrating the centennial year of the Craft in Ontario. To them alone belongs the honor of carrying to a successful conclusion one of the most important Masonic events of the age. It speaks volumes in favor of their love for Masonry, and their determination to make it a power in the land. The celebration was inaugurated by a service in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, where hundreds of the brethren assembled to join in praise to the Grand Architect of the Universe. Brother,

the Rev. W. F. Wilson, the Chaplain of St. Andrew's, No. 16, preached the anniversary sermon. The large collection taken up on the occasion was presented to the hospital for sick children. On St. John's Day, the ceremonies were concluded by a banquet, at which over 400 brethren participated. The speeches of M. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, Hugh Murray, John Ross Robertson, and R. W. Bros. W. R. White and J. J. Mason, formed a very important part of the evening's entertainment. A graphic account of the proceedings is contained in the report of the D.D.G.M., to which we recommend the attention of the members of Grand Lodge.

MASONIC MONUMENT.

The City of Toronto is also credited with a large gathering of the Craft on the 24th June last, the festival of St. John the Baptist, at which were present the M. W. the Grand Master, the R. W., the Deputy Grand Master, and about 800 Craftsmen. We refer to the unveiling of the monument to the fraternal dead, erected by the Craft of the City of Toronto, in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on a large circular plot presented by Past Grand Master J. Ross Robertson. From the address of welcome by the Trustees of the Cemetery, the Grand Master can testify to the high esteem in which the Craft is held by the citizens of Toronto.

DEATHS.

The past year has proved a fruitful harvest to the Grim Reaper. Many brethren of eminence and skill have been taken from us. Their services to Grand Lodge, and to the lodges in the respective districts, cannot be readily effaced from our memories. From the several districts come names which bring up memories of devotion and conscientious labor in the interests of the Craft. Feeling recognition of our sorrow will be given by the Committee appointed for that purpose. Our duty is to record the names of those of the departed who were prominently connected with Grand Lodge, viz.: R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves, P. D.D.G.M. of Ontario District; J. H. Bothwell, P.D.D.G.M. Ottawa District; G. M. Wilkinson, P.D.D.G.M. Kingston District; W. G. Storms, P.D.D.G.M. Toronto District; J. A. Wills, P.G.S.W. Toronto District; Richard Bull, P.D.D.G.M. Hamilton District; V. W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow, P.G.D. of C. Toronto District.

We cannot close this subject without referring to the fraternal action of the brethren of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who nursed and cared for a brother from the Ontario District, who died over 2,000 miles from home. The Iowa brethren sent the body to Onemee in charge of one of their number. Such actions as these should be recorded, and the gratitude of Grand Lodge expressed on the subject.

The remarks of the D.D.G.M. of the Toronto District, on the question of lodges bearing the expenses of the funeral of deceased brethren, whether or not the family or connection of such deceased brethren are able, financially, to defray same, are brought to our notice. An improper construction appears to have been placed on the reading of the By-laws of several lodges, whereby it is considered compulsory on a lodge to expend money on funerals when the estate of the deceased is of such a character that no assistance is required. It is hardly necessary to draw the attention of the members to such mistaken ideas.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, we desire to state that our review is not satisfactory to us. We are aware of several subjects which we have been obliged to omit. We know that justice has not been done by us to several dis-

tricts, nor to the Grand Lodge, which entrusted us with this important task. We have done our best in the time allotted to us. The prosperity of Grand Lodge is now a settled fact; continued loyalty to our beloved Grand Master, and conscientious work on the part of all the Grand Lodge officers, will call forth the admiration and respect of the Masonic world.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R.W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

Passed from earth to learn new lessons in some other part of the wide universe of God, for death has come into our midst.

Another cycle brings this sad truth home to us, for as the empty sleeve of the returned soldier mutely but eloquently tells of a loss, so do these vacant places in our Grand Lodge answer "absent" to the roll-call of our departed brethren. Men who have not looked upon life as a thing to be bartered and sold, but as a jewel to be guarded as gold; men who raised for their day and generation "sermons in stone" that adorn the coming day will speak them fair to all who follow after; those whose lives were like the incense on the altar, long after the prayers were over; the taper dim, the music hushed, and the worshipper departed, we find its fragrance still heavy on the air, and whose friendship was like the lily in its perfume and its purity, and whom to know was an honor and delight, who "counted this thing to be grandly true, that a noble deed was a step toward God, lifting the soul from a common sod, to a purer air and a broader view; who to-day are enrolled as life victors; who strove and, perhaps, failed, but who acted bravely a silent and desperate part, and who have now laid down the weapons of life.

"But the link must break and the lamp must die," and a message comes to the tired soul and whispers "come away," and unseen hands hold aloft the victor's crown where every jewel is a noble deed.

Come when the summons may, be it in the morning when the sun is gently stealing and lengthening its rays into perfect manhood, or at the noontide, when our heartstrings are stirred with all that makes life sweet, or in the evening, when the work of the day is done, and we wait the coming of the night, we would fain turn aside from the bitter thought, did we not think with the old Norsemen, that death is "home-going." A thought beautifully tender, and freighted with peace, that the darksome night is past, and the day is dawning, and our loved ones have gone out with the tide, and drifted silently into the harbor of peace, perfect peace.

Tears are not for our fraternal dead; our tears are for our Order, bereft of their guiding hands; and our brethren, who will miss their wise counsel, and kindly deeds for the sick and afflicted, who received their loving care; yes, our tears are for those, rather than for our honored dead.

"For tears are never for those who die with their face to duty done."

We will briefly mention a few of our members who have passed into the unseen world.

Hamilton District mourns the loss of R. W. Bro. Richard Bull, a brother well and lovingly known throughout the whole district; he was a learned ritualist, and delighted to take part in the work of his lodge. To him the ritual was not only a beautiful arrangement of words, but it was the assertion of truths which should guide his every-day life; thus, Masonry was to him a help towards a grander, a purer, and a nobler life, and he exemplified in his walk and conversation the benefit of being a member of the Craft, and in the evening of life he died, leaving behind an example which we could all with profit imitate.

The ranks of the Toronto brethren are depleted by the loss of many Craftsmen, chief among whom we may mention R. W. Bros. Storm and Wills and V. W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow.

These brethren were all prominent and distinguished members of our Order, and a credit to our fraternity. Bros. Storm and Bigelow of late years did not attend the meetings of Grand Lodge, but R. W. Bro. Wills was present at recent communications, and was known to us all; kind and genial in disposition, he not only made life happy for himself, but he endeavored to throw all the sunshine he could in the lives of those around him, but suddenly, in the prime of manhood, he was taken from us. He has gone, but his kind words, and kinder actions, remain as an aspiration to cheer and bless our own lives.

Ottawa District misses the wise counsel of R. W. Bro. Bothwell. He was a good and faithful member of the Craft, and his memory will ever be cherished by those with whom he lived.

In Ontario District, death has claimed R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves as a victim. He was an active and energetic member of the Craft, and he had the esteem and respect of his brethren.

In Huron District, a brother with a unique experience, namely, that of being W. M. of a lodge for fifteen consecutive years, passed away to the great regret of the brethren, and to the residents of his adopted town. We refer to V. W. Bro. Nichol, of Listowel, who, born in Scotland many years ago, removed to the above-mentioned town, where his conduct was such as to gain the respect and confidence of the entire community. He filled every municipal office in the gift of the people, and presided with tact and discretion over the deliberations of the St. Bernard Lodge, Listowel, for the above long-mentioned term of years. This is sufficient evidence of his fidelity to his trust. May we have many who will follow in his illustrious footsteps.

Frontenac District loses an honored brother in the person of R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, of Kingston. He was P. D. D. G. M., and F. M. of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3; he was a member of this lodge for half a century. His father, and also his grandfather, were W. M.'s. of this same lodge before him. He was prominently connected with the Board of Masonic Relief, and was the promoter of much Masonic enterprise. He died possessing the love of the brethren, who will long remember his good life. It is a matter of sincere congratulation that his son is following his father's good example, and is an ardent member of the craft.

To the families and friends bereaved, we offer our sincere sympathy, and we recommend that the names of our fraternal dead be inscribed on the memorial pages of the proceedings of our annual communication.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE C. DAVIS,

Chairman, Sub-Committee on the Fraternal Dead.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. C. Davis, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. W.R White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

In the matter of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107 : On the 25th day of March, 1891, Bro. Wm. C. Lewis was initiated, and on the 24th day of June, 1891, he was passed to the second degree by this lodge, and it appears, that being anxious, for some reason, to leave home, the third degree was conferred on him on the 15th day of July, 1891, in contravention of the provision of the constitution in that behalf.

While this may not appear to be a very serious offence, the Board feel that it is one of the provisions of the constitution which Grand Lodge should carefully guard against the breach of, and we would recommend that Grand Lodge express its disapproval of the conduct of the officers of Lambeth Lodge, and that the said lodge be ordered to procure and pay for such dispensation as would have enabled them to so confer the degree, and that on their so doing, the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue the usual Grand Lodge certificate.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. C. HEGLER,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Jurisdiction.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. W.R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board have had before them the following cases of grievances and appeals, all of which have been duly considered, and the conclusions arrived at are embodied in the following report upon each case, as follows :

In the matter of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, *vs.* Bro. Murdoch Seth Chapman—grossly immoral conduct. This case is reported upon page 182 of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1892. Bro. Chapman was summoned to show cause at this Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft. Bro. Chapman having failed to shew cause, the Board recommend that Bro. Chapman be expelled from the Craft for the offence proved.

In the matter of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, *vs.* Bro. F. E. P. Aldrich. This is a charge of unmasonic and immoral conduct, and the case is also reported in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1892 on page 182. Bro. Aldrich was summoned to shew cause at this Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft. No sufficient cause being shewn by Bro. Aldrich, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the offence proved.

In the matter of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, *vs.* Bro. S. D. Williams. This is a charge of unmasonic conduct, reported in the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1892 on page 182. Bro. Williams was summoned to shew cause at this meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft. No cause being shewn by Bro. Williams, the Board recommend that he be expelled from the Craft for the offence proved.

In the matter of Bro. W. F. Turney and Welland Lodge, No. 36, Font Hill.

Bro. Turney applies to Grand Lodge for Restoration. In his Petition he sets out that he was made a Mason in Welland Lodge, in 1873; that about four years afterwards he left Canada to reside in the United States. A few years ago he wrote to the Master of Welland Lodge for a statement of his dues with a view of paying up, and was informed that Welland Lodge was defunct.

He then applied to the Grand Secretary and was informed by him that he had been suspended in 1877, for unmasonic conduct. He further states that he was never advised of any proceedings having been taken against him, nor aware of having acted unmasonically.

The records of the lodge have been destroyed by fire, but we have the evidence of the Master of the Lodge, in 1877, that the charge against Bro. Turney was misappropriation of the sum of \$10 entrusted to him to procure a Warrant for a lodge at Port Robinson.

The Petition is without date or place, and your Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to obtain all possible information as to Bro. Turney's present character and standing, to be reported to the next meeting of Grand Lodge, and the prayer of the Petition to be then dealt with.

In the matter of Bro. Camp and Lodge No. 15.

Bro. Camp, in his petition, states, that he was made a Mason in this Lodge in 1859. In October, 1868, he removed to California, where, on the 9th day of April, 1869, he received a summons from the said lodge to appear there on the 6th day of the same month, to answer a charge preferred against him.

In 1872, Bro. Camp returned to St. Catharines, where he resided for fifteen years, during which period he made application for re-instatement, which application was never dealt with. That he then removed to Buffalo, where he now is; and that about eighteen months ago he again applied to the lodge for reinstatement, which application has also been ignored.

The papers before your Board do not disclose the offence charged, nor any reason why the Lodge will not act upon Bro. Camp's repeated applications. Your Board recommend that the matter be referred to the D. D. G. M. of the 10th Masonic District, to have a copy of the charge preferred, and Bro. Camp's answer, if any, sent to the Grand Secretary, also the reasons why St. George's Lodge refuse to deal with Bro. Camp's application; that the D. D. G. M. be asked to endeavor to have the matter adjudicated, if that is not possible, that it be dealt with at next Grand Lodge meeting.

In the matter between Lodges No. 120 and No. 141. Tudor Lodge, No. 141, expended the sum of \$20.00 in the care and support, while within their jurisdiction, of a member of Warren Lodge, No. 120, but without the knowledge or request of Warren Lodge, and now complain that Warren Lodge refuses to refund the amount or any part thereof. Your Board are not in possession of sufficient information to decide the matter, the original papers having gone astray during conveyance to the Grand Secretary, and would therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the D. D. G. M. of the 3rd Masonic District for adjustment.

In the matter of W. Bro. McKague, P.M., of Lodge No. 127, and the initiation by him of W.B. Cox, in February or March of 1893. The District D.G.M. of No. 13, R.W. Bro. Thornton, became aware that Mr. W.B. Cox had been initiated by W.B. McKague, and that the Candidate at the time, had an artificial foot with metallic appliance, to the knowledge of W. Bro. McKague. The correspondence between the D.D.G.M. and Bro. McKague was sent to the Grand Secretary, and laid before the M.W. the G. Master, who appointed a commission to investigate and report.

They have done so, and their report is before us. It, with the other papers mentioned, discloses the fact that W. B. Cox, had an artificial foot, that W.B. McKague, the then W.M. of Lodge No. 127, well knew of that fact before, and at the time of the initiation.

Among the papers is a letter from W. Bro. McKague, of which the following is an extract, referring to the said W.B. Cox. "He has a physical defect. He wears an artificial limb which he had on when initiated. The reason I initiated him was that the Grand Master issued a dispensation in a similar case in every respect, to our Lodge for the initiation some years ago of Wm. Rogers, and I deemed it unnecessary to make an application of the same nature over again, as it would only delay matters unnecessarily."

Your Board are of the opinion that W. Bro. McKague, violated the well known rules regarding physical defects, knowingly, and would recommend that for the offence he be suspended for the space of one year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. H. BURRITT,

Chairman Sub-Com. on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

R.W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board are of opinion that they should confine their remarks respecting the notices of motion, printed on the notice papers, to their effect on the Constitution, and should not express any opinion as to the merits of the motions proposed.

Motion No. 1.—The Committee are of opinion that the subject of this motion is within the jurisdiction of the M.W. the Grand Master, and that the notice should be withdrawn from the notice paper.

Motion No. 2.—The Committee are of opinion that Grand Lodge have power to deal with this question.

Motions No. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.—There is nothing in these motions, which requires to be considered by the Committee.

Motion No. 7.—The proposed amendment involves a return to the former practice.

No other matter has been presented to the Board for their consideration.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD T. WALKEM,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Constitution and Laws.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved. That the Report of the Board on Constitution and Laws, be received and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R.W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the following supplementary

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada :

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, beg leave to report thereon as follows :—

The Grand Lodge of South Australia was organized on April 16, 1884, by a Convention of Masons, composed of 85 delegates, representing 28 lodges out of 33 on the roll of the three British Constitutions. Everything was done according to established order and precedent. The Chief Justice of the Colony, the Hon. S. J. Way, was the first Grand Master, and after serving with honor and credit for five years, he was succeeded by the present Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, who is also the Governor of the Colony. They have now 38 lodges, with a membership of 2250. Recognition has been accorded by the three Grand Lodges in Great Britain and Ireland and also by a number of Grand Lodges in America.

The Board recommend that the Grand Lodge of South Australia be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that the interchange of Representatives be granted as requested.

The Board have also received an application for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma Territory, U.S.

This new Grand Lodge was formally organized at Oklahoma City, on November 10th, 1892, by the unanimous voice of the representatives of all the lodges in the Territory, ten in number, and with the approval and consent of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, under whose jurisdiction all these lodges were formerly working. August J. Spengel, of Guthrie, is Grand Master, and J. S. Hunt, of Stillwater, is Grand Secretary.

The Board recommend that fraternal recognition be accorded to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and that the request for an interchange of representatives be complied with.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved.—That the Supplementary Report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

In dealing with the address the Board have adopted the course which has been found fairly satisfactory during the past two years, and referred it to a sub-committee composed of the President of the Board and the Chairmen of the several sub-committees.

The Board desire to congratulate the M. W. the Grand Master upon the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and the satisfactory progress of the Craft during the year, as shown in the address.

Taking into consideration the public duties which must claim a large portion of his time and attention, the Board desire to assure the Grand Master that he has during the past year devoted to the work of Grand Lodge more time than the Craft had any right to expect, and that he has well and worthily discharged the duties of his high office. In no way has he disappointed his brethren except in doing more than was expected of him.

The Board heartily approve of the Grand Master's very sensible remarks respecting the manner of dealing with dormant and decaying lodges, and commend his suggestions to the careful consideration of such lodges.

The number of lodge rooms dedicated during the year is a gratifying evidence of the material progress of the lodges in this jurisdiction. And the laying of corner stones and other public ceremonies are pleasing proofs of the deserved esteem in which Masons are held by their fellow-citizens.

The Centennial celebration and the unveiling of the Masonic monument at Toronto were both events of deep interest during the Masonic year, and the Board regret that the severe illness of the Grand Master prevented his attending the former.

The question of revision of ceremonies is being dealt with by a Committee of Past Grand Masters. The Board recommend that the ceremonies when so revised and approved by the Grand Master, be printed for distribution.

The Board approve of the action of the Grand Master in refraining from publishing his rulings.

The Board agree with the Grand Master's views upon the question of the physical qualifications of candidates and of residence, and commend them to the consideration of Grand Lodge.

The Board do not feel disposed to make any recommendation upon the question of legislation, and changing the dates of election and installation of officers.

The Board approve of the Grand Master's remarks upon benevolence and the Masonic Relief Association, and would strongly recommend to the attention of every lodge in the jurisdiction that portion of the address dealing with the right of burial and cost of funerals.

The Board cordially agree with the remarks upon the method of dealing with the surplus funds of Grand Lodge.

Until some abuse of the present method of lodge representation and proxies is brought to the attention of Grand Lodge, the Board do not consider any change advisable.

The Board fully endorse the remarks of the Grand Master upon foreign representatives and the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Board recommend that the suggestions as to the fraternal congress at Chicago be carried out in such manner as Grand Lodge may decide.

The Board approve fully of the Grand Master's administration of the amount granted to the St. John's relief fund.

Fraternaly submitted,

W. R. WHITE,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION TO M. W. BRO. JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Your Committee beg to report that, acting upon instructions received from Grand Lodge to prepare a testimonial for presentation to M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master, they have agreed, at his request, to recommend that the sum of money placed at the disposal of the committee, be handed over to the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children. A request to this effect, as the brethren are aware, was made by M. W. Bro. Robertson in Grand Lodge at the time the testimonial was voted. M. W. Bro. Robertson is deeply interested in this most praiseworthy work, and taking into consideration the fact that the mission of this charity is closely identified with that of Masonry, in that it cares for sick and helpless little ones, who cannot help themselves, and the further fact that the doors of the Mother Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and the Lakeside Home for Little Children on Toronto Island, (by terms of the Deed of Gift from M. W. Bro. Robertson to the Trustees of the Hospital), are forever free to every sick child of any member of the fraternity within the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, your committee consider the carrying out of the wishes of M. W. Bro. Robertson in the above manner as most appropriate. Your committee feel assured that their action will meet with the hearty approbation and approval of Grand Lodge, and have, therefore, much pleasure in stating that they have transmitted to the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children the amount named, viz., \$250.

(Signed)

J. K. KERR,	} Committee.
E. T. MALONE,	
HUGH MURRAY,	

Toronto, 1st Jan., 1893.

The following letter was sent to the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children :

TORONTO, 19th April, 1893.

DEAR SIRS,

I beg to enclose you cheque to the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A.F. & A.M., a committee was appointed to procure a testimonial for presentation to M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master, in recognition of his great services to the Grand Lodge, and the sum of \$250 was placed at the disposal of the committee for that purpose. M. W. Bro. Robertson was unwilling to receive any testimonial personally to himself, and expressed a wish that any sum devoted to the above purpose should be handed over to the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children.

In accordance with that request, on behalf of the committee, I now have pleasure in enclosing you a cheque for the above amount, the committee having determined to accede to the request of M. W. Bro. Robertson, that the money should be so used, instead of being devoted to a testimonial of a personal character to himself, or in any other form.

In adopting this course, the committee desire to express their sympathy with the objects and motives of M. W. Bro. Robertson, and trust that the

example thus shown by him, which is but an illustration of many generous and laudable acts on his part on behalf of the Hospital, will make an impression upon the hearts and minds of many, who may be thus induced to follow to some extent the example which he has set.

Believe me to remain,

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

J. K. KERR,
On behalf of the Committee.

To the Trustees of the Hospital
For Sick Children, Toronto.

The receipt of the cheque was acknowledged by the Treasurer of the Hospital for Sick Children, as follows :

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,
TORONTO, 29th April, 1893.

J. K. Kerr, Esq.,
Toronto.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed by the Trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of cheque for \$250, donated by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Canada, at the request of Mr. J. Ross Robertson, and in lieu of a personal testimonial to himself. The Trustees desire me, in acknowledging this gift, to say how deeply grateful they are to Mr. Robertson, and also to Grand Lodge for acceding to his request.

Yours truly,

M. BUCHAN,
Treasurer.

M. W. Bro. Robertson, having been notified of the transmission of the cheque by the committee, sent to the chairman the following letter :

TORONTO, July 6th, 1893.

To M. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr and Hugh Murray, and R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Committee on Presentation.

DEAR SIRS AND BRETHREN :—I am informed by the Treasurer of the Hospital For Sick Children, Toronto, of the receipt of two hundred and fifty dollars, contributed by Grand Lodge, at my request, in lieu of the personal testimonial which it has been customary to present to Past Grand Masters.

Nothing could give me greater pleasure than your prompt compliance with the request made by me to my brethren, for the gift will provide furnishings for five cots in the Hospital, and thus enable, for many years to come, little suffering ones, who cannot help themselves, to have that rest and comfort without which health cannot be restored.

There is no more worthy object for the funds of the Craft than this institution, the more especially as its doors swing widely open at the cry of suffering childhood, and are forever free to the ailing little ones of any member of the Craft in this great jurisdiction.

I am sure that every member of the Craft has deep sympathy for that charity which welcomes and watches over sick children, where by skilful treatment they are relieved or cured and sent back to their homes with glad-some face and healthy step. This Grand Lodge, by its beneficence in the past to the widow and the orphan of the Craft has brought rays of sunlight to many homes, and I am glad that, as a member of the Craft, and citizen of Ontario, I have had so much success in life as to be able to offer to the sick little ones of every member in this jurisdiction the advantages of an institution, where skilful treatment will chase away pain, and win back from the grave the little feet whose patter is a poem. Surely the good angel who watches over the Craft ward in the sweetest of all charities will mark

a kindly record, and bless those who have provided for the comfort of sorrowing and suffering children.

Yours fraternally,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON, *P.G.M.*

It was moved by M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by W.M. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on the Testimonial to M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson be received, and printed in the Proceedings.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. R. White, and

Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, and without reference to existing appointments, it is not expedient that any brother should represent more than one foreign Grand Lodge.

RE-OPENING OF QUESTIONS ONCE SETTLED.

It was moved by W. Bro. James Ferres, seconded by W. Bro. John Patton, and

Resolved,—That any question once decided, affecting the Constitution, shall not be open for re-consideration at any time within five years after such decision, except upon an open vote at an annual Communication to reconsider, such vote to be taken without debate.

MAXVILLE LODGE, NO. 418.

It was moved by W. Bro. F. Cook, seconded by R.W. Bro. R. A. Klock,

That Maxville Lodge, No. 418, be detached from the St. Lawrence District, No. 15, and attached to the Ottawa District, No. 16.

It was moved, in amendment, by W. Bro. James Ferres, seconded by V. W. Bro. A. Shaw,

That the matter of the proposed transfer of Maxville Lodge, No. 418, be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared—*Carried*.

Subsequently, R.W. Bro. W. R. White, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report—That in accordance with the resolution passed yesterday, referring to them the question of the proposed removal of Maxville Lodge, 418, Maxville, from the St. Lawrence District to the Ottawa District, they have duly considered the matter, and beg to recommend that no action be taken.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. WHITE,

President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. W. R. White, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on the matter of the proposed transfer of Maxville Lodge, No. 418, be received and adopted.

LIQUORS AT REFRESHMENT TABLES.

The Grand Lodge having granted permission, it was moved by W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, seconded by W. Bro. L. A. Mullock,

That the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be prohibited at all refreshment tables in connection with Masonic lodges.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The following places were put in nomination for the next Annual Communication :

The City of Hamilton, by R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn.

The Town of Sault Ste. Marie, by W. Bro. D. Bole.

The Town of Niagara Falls, by W. Bro. A. Logan.

The City of Toronto, by R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone.

The City of St. Catharines, by W. Bro. B. Beck.

The Town of Windsor, by W. Bro. M. Gibbs.

The City of Brantford, by R.W. Bro. James McLauchlan.

The City of Guelph, by W. Bro. John Patton.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 20th July, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 20th July, A.D. 1893.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11.30 a.m.

PRESENT.

THE GRAND MASTER,

M.W. Bro. The Hon. J. M. Gibson, on the Throne.

GRAND OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives to this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 348 warranted lodges on the Grand Register; 153 lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers; 55 are represented by proxy by their own Past Masters; 70 are represented by proxy by Past Masters of other lodges; and 70 lodges, 7 of which have Past Masters present, are unrepresented for the purposes of voting. There are 524 names registered, having a total vote of 1,127.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. B. HUNGERFORD, }
WILLIAM ROAF, } *Committee.*
GEO. S. MAY, }

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved,—That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M.W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers, and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, namely: W. Bros. Wm. Forbes, S. H. Kent, H. Rowe, C. A. Kingston, James Vance, G. Campbell, J. F. Grierson, John Chapman, John Birkett, W. D. B. Spry, Angus McBain, and G. E. Josephs.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected office-bearers for the ensuing term, namely:

M.W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q.C...Hamilton..Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. W. R. White, Q.C.....Pembroke..Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. L. Secord, M.D.....Brantford..Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. Bro. F. Cook.....Ottawa...Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Rev. L. A. Betts.....Brockville..Grand Chaplain.
M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray.....Hamilton..Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Bro. R. J. Craig.....Cobourg ..Grand Registrar.
R.W. Bro. J. J. MasonHamilton..Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,
Bro. W. W. Summers, Hamilton, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M.W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R.W.Bro. A.H.VonGuntten..Chatham.....	Erie	Dis. No. 1
R.W.Bro. Fredc. Goodier...Watford.....	St.Clair	" 2
R.W.Bro. P.W.D.Brodrick...London.....	London	" 3
R.W.Bro. Wm. Dawson....Sylvan.....	S. Huron	" 4

R.W.Bro. D. Collins	Kincardine. N. Huron Dis. No.	5
R.W.Bro. A. McCurdy, M.D.	Norwich Wilson	6
R.W.Bro. Chas. Pettiford	Guelph Wellington	7
R.W.Bro. F. C. Heath, M.D.	Brantford Hamilton	8
R.W.Bro. W. B. Saunders	Stayner Georgian	9
R.W.Bro. James Noble	Jarvis Niagara	10
R.W.Bro. George Tait	Toronto Toronto	11
R.W.Bro. S. H. Armour	Lindsay Ontario	12
R.W.Bro. Wm. Webster	Belleville P. Edward	13
R.W.Bro. George Taylor	Gananoque Frontenac	14
R.W.Bro. John F. Graham	Prescott S. Lawrence	15
R.W.Bro. R. W. Stephen	Ottawa Ottawa	16
R.W.Bro. Richard McNabb	Fort William Algoma	17
R.W.Bro. W. H. Burgess	North Bay Nipissing	18

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz :—

- R.W. Bro. F. C. Martin, Woodstock.
- R.W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Stratford.
- R.W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, Toronto.
- R.W. Bro. W. T. Toner, Collingwood.
- R.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Pembroke.

Subsequently, the M.W. the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments on the Board for the ensuing term, namely :—

- R.W. Bro. Thos. Sargant, Toronto.
- R.W. Bro. G. C. Davis, London.
- R.W. Bro. Hugh Walker, Guelph.
- R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, Hamilton.
- R.W. Bro. Allan McLean, Kingston.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives presented their credentials, which were accepted, and the representatives saluted with Grand Honors, namely :

M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson For the Grand Lodge of England.

M.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem For the Grand Lodge of Peru.

R.W. Bro. Wm. G. Reid For the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

R. W. Bro D. H. Martyn For the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson For the Grand Lodge of Washington.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

On motion, it was resolved that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Hrmilton.

MASONIC CONGRESS AT CHICAGO.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and

Resolved—That in order to carry out the recommendation contained in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, he be authorized to appoint a deputation to consist of not more than five members of this Grand Lodge, to attend the Masonic Congress to be held at Chicago on the 14th August, 1893, to represent this Grand Lodge.

DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

The following invitation from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture was read :

OTTAWA, July 19th, 1893.

SIR,—I have to say to you that if any of the members of the Grand Lodge, now in Ottawa, should desire to visit the Dominion Central Experimental Farm, every possible facility and information would be afforded to them by the Director, Mr. Saunders, or the other officers.

I may mention that an excursion of farmers is expected to be at the Farm to-morrow afternoon. It would therefore, be better if any other time than that were selected for the visit of any of the members of the Grand Lodge.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. LOWE,

Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. J. M. Gibson, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. C. Davis, and

Resolved,—That the invitation from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture be accepted with thanks.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

It was moved by W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, seconded by W. Bro. Wm. Bain, and

Resolved,—That a printed copy of the proceedings of Grand Lodge be sent to every member in attendance at the Annual Communication.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, assisted by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :—

- V. W. Bro. E. C. Roper, Orillia, Grand Senior Deacon.
“ W. G. S. Reynolds, Ottawa, Grand Junior Deacon.
“ John Jones, Toronto, Grand Superintendent of Works.
“ W. Watt, Jr., Brantford, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
“ David Aitchison, Hamilton, Assistant Grand Secretary.
“ A. M. Clark, M.D., Woodstock, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
“ W. T. Heaslip, Gananoque, Grand Sword Bearer.
“ E. W. Gardner, Toronto, Grand Organist.
“ R. B. Brown, Stratford, Assistant Grand Organist.
“ A. J. Howes, Sundridge, Grand Pursuivant.
“ John Shaw, Stirling, Grand Steward.
“ J. Blackmore, Listowel, Grand Steward.
“ C. Senior, Blenheim, Grand Steward.
“ Robert Scott, Petrolia, Grand Steward.
“ O. T. Bridle, London, Grand Steward.
“ Samuel Henry, Maxville, Grand Steward.
“ Fred Rogers, Sault Ste Marie, Grand Steward.
“ E. J. Voss, Toronto, Grand Steward.
“ J. H. Dickinson, Clarksburg, Grand Steward.
“ W. P. Kelly, Simcoe, Grand Steward.
“ Richard Johnston, Palmerston, Grand Steward.
“ Alex. Bruce, Guelph, Grand Steward.
“ Ancil Mills, Lindsay, Grand Standard Bearer.
“ L. A. Congdon, Dunnville, Grand Standard Bearer.
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VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Committee of Management of the Ottawa Lodges for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 6 o'clock p.m., in *ample form*.

ATTEST :



J. J. Maxon

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT JUNE 24TH, 1893, AND
 Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where held.	Night of Meeting	W. Master.	Secretary.
	Niagara	Niagara	W. on or b.f.m.	O. Taylor	W. E. Lyall
3a	Ancient St. John's	Kingston	1st Thursday	Forshaw Day	John Sutherland
5a	Sussex	Brockville	3rd Monday	And. Urquhart	Jonathan Greene
6	Barton	Hamilton	2nd Monday	E. G. Zealand	George E. Mason
7	Union	Grimsby	Th. on or b.f.m.	William Cowan	W. D. Forbes
9	Union	Napanee	F. on or b.f.m.	T. D. Prun	Robert L. Henry
10a	Norfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Frank Reid	W. P. Killey
11a	Moir	Belleville	W. on or b.f.m.	George Dulmage	Charles P. Hunter
14a	True Britons	Perth	1st Monday	Thomas Elliott	W. A. Moore
15	St. George	St. Catharines	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Charles Burch	N. A. Lindsay
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	2nd Tuesday	W. P. Gundy	J. E. Hansford
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	George Spence	H. W. Laird
18a	Prince Edward	Pictou	Th. on or b.f.m.	M. R. Allison	Hiram Wellbanks
20a	St. John's	London	2nd Tuesday	Thomas Clark	M. D. Dawson
21a	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m.	S. G. Morrison	John R. Fraser
22a	King Solomon's	Toronto	2nd Thursday	John Hall	Raymond Walker
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	M. on or b.f.m.	J. E. Clubine	T. F. McMahon
24a	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b.f.m.	A. G. Foster	Stewart Moag
25a	Ionic	Toronto	1st Tuesday	Thomas B. Lee	A. B. Aylesworth
26a	Ontario	Port Hope	3rd Thursday	Edwin Brown	W. J. Robertson
27a	Strict Observance	Hamilton	4th Friday	F. J. McMichael	W. C. Morton
28a	Mount Zion	Kemptville	Wed. b.f.m.	A. Clothier	W. H. Bothorn
29a	United	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. J. Wade, M.D.	J. W. Grey
30a	Composite	Whitby	1st Thursday	T. A. McGillivray	Robert Willes
31a	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b.f.m.	S. Burden	John Pattinson
32a	Amity	Dunnville	W. on or b.f.m.	J. B. Sheehan	R. A. Harrison
33a	Maitland	Goderich	2nd Tuesday	Robert Park	W. A. Rhynas
34a	Thistle	Amherstburg	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. A. Patten	Richard Elliott
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. G. Carruthers	C. C. Gibson
37a	King Hiram	Ingersoll	1st Friday	James Vance	H. Rouland
38a	Trent	Trenton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. H. Bonter	W. O. Lott
39a	Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John Shand	F. Scott
40a	St. John's	Hamilton	3rd Thursday	W. J. Aitchison	James C. Cox
41a	St. George's	Kingsville	Th. on or b.f.m.	Ed. Allworth	George Rumble
42a	St. George's	London	1st Wednesday	John A. Nelles	A. Ellis, Jr.
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	1st Tuesday	W. C. Burt	George J. Fraser
44a	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	1st Thursday	H. A. McIntyre	L. Slatter
45	Brant	Brantford	2nd Tuesday	A. E. Harley	J. J. Birchard
46a	Wellington	Chatham	1st Monday	A. H. VonGuten	F. F. Quinn
47a	Great Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. Holdstock	G. T. Wilkie
48a	Madoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. H. Watson	R. T. Gray
50a	Consecon	Consecon	F. on or b.f.m.	T. S. Phip, M.D.	D. P. Coesey
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	1st Tuesday	Albert Hudson	C. S. Scott
54a	Vanghan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. M. Hadwen	C. H. Keefer
55a	Merrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. F. Crossett	Thomas Culbert
56a	Victoria	Sarnia	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Robt. Mackenzie	C. Mole
57a	Harmony	Binbrook	W. on or b.f.m.	M. J. Mullock, MD	J. F. Senn
58a	Doric	Ottawa	1st Friday	S. A. Luke	Charles A. Abbott
61a	Acacia	Hamilton	2nd Friday	A. E. Manning	W. H. Elliott
62a	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b.f.m.	John Thompson	W. Galer
63a	St. John's	Carleton Place	W. on or b.f.m.	W. M. Dunham	John Rushworth
64a	Kilwinning	London	3rd Thursday	Francis Love	John Overell
6a	Rehoboam	Toronto	1st Thursday	Arthur Dennis	Fred. W. Unitt
66	Durham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Bellwood	E. Simmons
68a	St. John's	Ingersoll	3rd Friday	John H. Hegler	William Ewart
69	terling	Stirling	Th. after f.m.	W. Vandervoort	John Shaw
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday	A. J. Oliver	A. Bessit Thom
73a	St. James	St. Mary's	1st Monday	F. P. Riddell	W. J. Gillies
74a	St. James	Maitland	M. nearest f.m.	Syrenus Cole	A. N. Shepherd
75	St. John's	Toronto	1st Monday	C. A. Matthews	Spencer Love
77a	Oxford	Woodstock	2nd Wednesday	W. A. Kaon	W. T. Wilkinson
77a	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	1st Friday	G. H. M. Baker	G. S. Patrick
78a	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	W. on or b.f.m.	James McIntosh	W. J. Wilkins

LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1893.

the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No. of Lodge.	Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S. N. P. D.	S. U. M. C.	Expel'd.	Rest'd.	Total Membs.	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
2	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	34	Dec. '92	..	..	\$21 75
3	7	8	7	..	5	7	1	..	..	..	133	Dec. '92	..	..	92 25
5	11	9	9	5	3	1	1	..	..	3	144	Dec. '92	..	4 00	85 00
6	10	9	10	5	4	2	..	..	..	..	311	Dec. '92	..	..	178 25
7	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	62	Dec. '92	..	..	62 75
9	2	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	1	86	Dec. '92	..	..	53 00
10	1	..	..	4	1	2	..	..	..	1	70	Dec. '92	16 75	..	46 25
11	17	17	15	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	137	Dec. '92	..	..	1,0 07
14	1	1	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	82	Dec. '92	..	..	48 50
15	1	2	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	89	June '92	46 00	..	..
16	10	14	12	6	6	3	8	..	..	..	191	Dec. '92	..	..	185 75
17	2	3	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	59	Dec. '92	..	..	47 75
18	6	5	3	4	3	1	4	..	..	1	146	Dec. '92	..	..	85 75
20	6	4	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	137	Dec. '92	..	..	103 00
21a	..	2	2	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	4	Dec. '92	13 00	..	15 50
22	14	13	12	1	6	4	5	..	..	..	166	Dec. '92	..	..	129 75
23	3	3	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	27	June '92	..	2 00	23 50
24	8	8	6	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	75	Dec. '92	..	..	51 50
25	9	6	8	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	191	Dec. '92	..	..	120 75
26	4	4	4	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	54	Dec. '92	..	..	51 00
27	6	5	9	4	3	4	5	..	..	1	238	Dec. '92	..	..	162 25
28	2	2	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	1	82	Dec. '92	..	..	29 25
29	4	4	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	51	Dec. '92	13 50	..	24 00
30	4	4	7	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	84	Dec. '92	..	..	62 00
31	..	..	..	..	2	2	6	..	..	..	49	Dec. '92	..	4 00	29 10
32	6	6	5	1	4	2	2	..	..	1	60	June '91	14 00	..	..
33	3	3	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	79	Dec. '91	..	4 00	44 50
34	2	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	39	June '92	..	..	24 00
35	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	29	Dec. '92	..	..	14 00
37	5	6	6	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	69	Dec. '92	..	..	49 00
38	5	3	2	..	2	4	..	..	..	2	63	June '92	..	..	60 50
39	2	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	29	Dec. '92	..	..	24 50
40	12	16	15	2	4	4	4	..	..	2	314	Dec. '92	..	..	210 75
41	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	75	Dec. '92	..	..	41 75
42	7	6	5	..	1	5	6	..	..	1	165	Dec. '92	28 25	..	68 00
43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	92	June '92	..	..	70 00
44	5	6	8	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	112	Dec. '91	..	..	102 50
45	12	8	9	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	164	Dec. '92	..	..	66 25
46	9	7	5	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	96	Dec. '92	..	..	78 75
47	12	12	11	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	105	Dec. '92	..	6 00	70 25
48	1	2	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	92	Dec. '91	..	6 00	49 25
50	5	4	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	38	June '91	..	6 50	18 00
52	7	6	8	1	5	..	3	..	..	1	99	June '92	..	6 00	83 50
54	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45	Dec. '92	..	..	22 25
55	2	2	2	..	2	..	3	..	..	1	41	Dec. '92	1 50	..	51 25
56	2	1	2	2	5	..	1	..	..	2	64	Dec. '92	..	..	43 00
57	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	Dec. '92	..	..	35 25
58	8	9	10	1	2	1	7	..	..	..	85	June '92	..	..	30 00
61	11	16	12	5	4	1	3	..	..	2	226	Dec. '92	..	..	158 75
62	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	28	June '92	..	..	15 10
63	13	13	12	3	..	2	2	..	..	1	91	Dec. '92	..	..	89 50
64	5	5	6	4	1	3	6	..	..	2	140	Dec. '92	..	..	188 07
65	6	4	6	6	3	1	..	..	..	1	200	Dec. '92	35 75	..	67 50
66	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	37	Dec. '92	..	..	19 00
68	7	8	7	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	70	Dec. '92	..	..	63 75
69	6	4	5	..	5	..	3	..	..	1	67	Dec. '92	..	2 00	55 75
72	3	2	..	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	78	Dec. '92	..	2 00	56 75
73	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	68	June '91	..	..	69 50
74	1	2	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	37	June '91	..	..	12 00
75	7	9	9	3	8	3	6	1	..	..	183	Dec. '92	..	..	14 50
76	7	7	6	..	4	2	..	..	..	3	106	Dec. '92	..	..	73 00
77	3	2	1	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	85	Dec. '91	..	..	51 75
78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	June '92	..	..	24 75

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1893,

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
79a	Simcoe	Bradford	F. on or b.f.m.	Frank Stewart ..	W. J. Lawrence ..
81a	St. John's	Mt. Brydges ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	T. C. West	H. G. Lindsay ..
82	St. John's	Paris	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. F. Martin	Frank Smoke ..
83a	Beaver	Strathroy	F. on or b.f.m.	James Bogue ..	A. A. Cockburn ..
84a	Clinton	Clinton	Fri. after f.m.	W. J. Paisly ..	T. Smallcombe ..
85a	Rising Sun	Athens	Th. on or b.f.m.	M. L. Dixon, M.D.	J. P. Lamb
86a	Wilson	Toronto	3rd Tuesday ..	John Akers	George Duthie ..
87	Markham Union ..	Markham	F. on or b.f.m.	G. M. Farwell, MD	J. E. Shaw, M. D.
88	St. George's	Owen Sound ..	W. on or b.f.m.	Charles E. Munro	Wm. H. Sinclair ..
90a	Manitow	Collingwood ..	W. on or a.f.m.	Capt. H. Rowe ..	C. A. McDonald ..
91a	Colborne	Colborne	F. on or b. f.m.	T. K. Rutherford	George Keyes
92a	Catawqui	Kingston	2nd Wednesday	John H. Birkett	D. Callaghan
93a	Northern Light ..	Kincardine ..	1st Wednesday	J. C. Cooke	R. D. Hall
94a	St. Mark's	Port Stanley ..	2nd Tuesday ..	L. G. Jarvis	D. M. May
96a	Corinthian	Barrie	1st Thursday ..	And'w Urquhart	D. H. MacLaren ..
97a	Sharon	Sharon	Tu. on or b.f.m.	B. W. Keteley ..	W. G. Hill
98	True Blue	Albion	F. on or b.f.m.	G. C. Martin ..	Robert Roberts ..
99a	Tuscan	Newmarket ..	2nd Wednesday	W. D. Laurie ..	D. Roche
100	Valley	Dundas	M. on or b.f.m.	F. A. Latebaw ..	W. Forrest
101a	Corinthian	Peterborough ..	W. on or b.f.m.	R. G. Kingan ..	W. F. Johnston ..
103a	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Last Thursday	John S. Campbell	John S. Wood
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a.f.m.	James Irwin ..	I. L. Farrington ..
105a	St. Mark's	Niag. Falls So.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Richard Sloggett	James C. Hull
106a	Burford	Burford	W. on or b.f.m.	J. E. Stephenson	A. D. Muir
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b.f.m.	D. McPherson ..	H. Poole
108	Blenheim	Princeton	F. on or a. f.m.	C. R. Staples ..	John Ramsay
109a	Albion	Harrow'snuth ..	F. on or b. f.m.	Jno. W. Patterson	James Cooke
110a	Central	Prescott	1st Tuesday ..	John N. Graham	H. H. Wells
113a	Wilson	Waterford	W. on or b.f.m.	W. Massecar ..	O. McLellau
114a	Hope	Port Hope	1st Friday	T. White	W. G. Conlter ..
115a	Ivy	Beamsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John H. Burch ..	John Astle
116a	Cassia	Thedford	M. on or b.f.m.	T. K. Pool	J. G. Brown
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b.f.m.	A. Wilkinson ..	M. J. Brereton ..
119a	Maple Leaf	Bath	M. on or b.f.m.	Thos. A. Seaward	Fred. W. Armstrong
120	Warren	Fingal	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. K. McPherson	S. E. Burwell
121a	Doric	Brantford	3rd Tuesday ..	W. E. Phin	C. F. Cox
122a	Renfrew	Renfrew	1st Monday	Edward McKay ..	N. W. Cleary
123a	The Belleville ..	Belleville	1st Thursday ..	George S. Wright	S. F. Armistead ..
125a	Cornwall	Cornwall	1st Tuesday ..	William Gibbens	W. A. McArthur ..
126a	Golden Rule	Campbellford ..	Tu. b. f. m.	Chas. G. Wensley	A. E. Bailey
127	Franck	Frankford	Mon. b.f.m.	W. McKague, MD	W. H. Richards ..
128a	Pembroke	Pembroke	1st Thursday ..	W. J. Douglas ..	S. W. Radcliffe ..
129	The Rising Sun ..	Aurora	1st Friday	James Tinline ..	A. E. Taylor
131a	St. Lawrence	Southampton ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John Logie	D. McAulay
133a	Lebanon Forest ..	Exeter	M. on or b.f.m.	Rich. H. Collins	T. A. Brown
135a	St. Clair	Milton	Th. on or b.f.m.	M. E. Mitchell ..	Robert Coates ..
136	Richardson	Stouffville	W. on or b.f.m.	E. W. Gardner ..	D. McMurphy
137a	Pythagoras	Meaford	F. nearest f. m.	R. W. Evans	James Patterson ..
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	2nd Tuesday ..	William Holland	James McCaw
140a	Malahide	Aylmer	W. on or b.f.m.	G. F. Clark, M.D.	W. J. Fear
141a	Tudor	Mitchell	Tu. on or b.f.m.	William Elliott ..	Alex. B. Barron ..
142a	Excelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b. f.m.	L. W. Howard ..	S. R. Loucks
143a	Friendly Bros. ..	Iroquois	W. b.f.m.	D. A. McDonald	J. W. Tindale
144a	Tecumseh	Stratford	1st Thursday ..	Wm. McKellar ..	A. E. Neil
145a	J. B. Hall	Mullbrook	2nd Tuesday ..	Hen. Turner, M.D.	H. A. Turner
146a	Prince of Wales ..	Newburgh	W. b.f.m.	Canfield Shorey	Geo. A. Aylesworth
147a	Mississippi	Almonte	1st Friday	S. L. Ramsay ..	Robert Pollock ..
148a	Civil Service	Ottawa	2nd Tuesday ..	Wm. Campbell ..	C. C. W. Lally
149a	Erie	Port Dover	M. on or b.f.m.	Henry Fawcett ..	Lawrence Skeay ..
151a	The Grand River ..	Berlin	2nd Tuesday ..	L. McBrine	A. Oelschlager ..
153a	Burns	Wyoming	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. M. Gunne	W. D. Newell
154a	Irving	Lucan	Th. on or b.f.m.	Chris. Hodgins ..	C. W. Mulloy
155a	Peterboro'	Peterboro'	1st Friday	N. D. Carmichael	A. Gibson
156a	York	North Toronto	3rd Friday	G. H. Brown ..	D. Robertson
157	Simpson	Newboro'	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. H. Preston ..	Joseph H. Butler ..

AND LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1892.—Continued.

No. of Lodge.	Initiat'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C	Expell'd	Rest'd.	Total Mem'rs.	Last Returns	Lodges.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
79	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	Dec. '89	..	\$39 00	£ 68 75
81	2	3	3	..	2	..	4	..	..	1	68	Dec. '92	..	2 00	70 50
82	4	4	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	49	Dec. '92	..	..	33 50
83	3	4	4	1	8	4	8	..	..	2	97	Dec. '92	..	..	67 25
84	6	2	4	12	..	2	..	..	..	..	62	Dec. '92	..	..	50 50
85	5	7	5	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	49	Dec. '92	..	..	55 25
86	8	7	4	4	3	2	2	..	..	2	133	June '92	10 00	..	80 00
87	4	5	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	35	Dec. '92	..	..	29 00
88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	June '92	..	..	30 25
90	6	6	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	98	Dec. '92	..	..	62 75
91	4	4	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	73	Dec. '92	..	..	53 25
92	4	4	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	1	114	Dec. '92	..	..	66 75
93	6	6	7	2	3	2	5	..	..	1	107	Dec. '92	..	..	82 75
94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	June '92	16 50	..	35 50
96	3	7	7	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	108	June '92	..	4 50	73 00
97	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	Dec. '92	14 25	..	41 00
98	13	12	11	..	4	..	8	..	..	2	53	Dec. '92	..	..	72 75
99	5	4	4	4	2	1	2	..	..	2	41	Dec. '92	30 00	..	10 75
100	5	5	6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	76	Dec. '92	..	2 00	64 50
101	3	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	59	Dec. '92	..	..	47 25
103	8	5	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	98	Dec. '92	..	..	64 50
104	7	4	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	89	Dec. '92	..	..	59 75
105	3	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	55	June '92	..	2 00	16 50
106	3	2	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	79	Dec. '92	..	..	50 00
107	7	6	7	1	1	2	1	..	..	2	47	Dec. '92	12 50	..	67 00
108	6	4	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	27	June '92	..	..	17 00
109	4	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	41	Dec. '92	..	..	31 00
110	4	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	90	Dec. '92	..	..	71 00
113	5	5	3	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	68	Dec. '92	..	2 00	64 25
114	16	15	15	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	64	Dec. '92	..	..	63 00
115	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	54	Dec. '92	..	..	45 25
116	4	4	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	33	Dec. '92	..	..	23 25
118	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	22	Dec. '92	..	..	20 75
119	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	22	Dec. '92	..	..	13 50
120	3	3	3	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	25	Dec. '92	..	..	16 25
121	8	7	8	2	1	3	..	1	..	..	116	Dec. '92	..	2 00	85 50
122	3	4	4	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	66	Dec. '92	..	..	41 25
123	9	9	6	..	3	2	5	..	..	1	113	Dec. '92	..	..	62 25
125	2	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	42	Dec. '92	9 75	..	23 25
126	11	9	7	1	4	..	2	..	..	..	52	Dec. '92	..	..	54 25
127	11	10	9	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	63	Dec. '92	49 00	..	..
128	10	11	11	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	91	Dec. '92	..	2 00	86 25
129	12	9	6	4	1	..	2	..	..	2	62	June '92	33 25	..	22 25
131	3	3	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	43	Dec. '92	..	1 50	25 00
133	4	5	5	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	73	Dec. '92	..	1 50	54 0
135	7	7	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	59	June '92	..	4 00	33 5
136	1	2	4	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	27	Dec. '92	..	..	21 5
137	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	55	Dec. '92	29 50	..	3 00
139	3	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	75	June '92	..	..	65 00
140	6	6	4	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	76	Dec. '92	..	6 00	45 00
141	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	69	Dec. '92	2 00	..	36 50
142	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	77	Dec. '92	..	50	40 25
143	4	4	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	52	Dec. '92	..	..	39 50
144	5	4	6	..	5	2	..	..	..	2	79	Dec. '92	..	..	63 50
145	12	8	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	Dec. '92	2 00	..	1 00
146	1	1	1	..	3	..	4	..	..	1	39	Dec. '92	..	..	28 50
147	9	10	10	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	59	Dec. '92	..	3 00	35 75
148	4	2	2	..	3	1	2	..	..	..	56	Dec. '92	..	..	39 00
149	6	5	5	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	55	Dec. '92	..	..	35 00
151	4	3	3	..	4	1	3	..	..	..	79	Dec. '92	..	..	47 25
153	8	10	9	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	56	Dec. '92	..	..	58 75
154	2	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	63	Dec. '92	..	..	43 25
155	11	7	4	2	7	..	1	1	98	Dec. '92	107 50
156	12	11	13	1	2	1	1	101	Dec. '92	33 00	..	81 75
157	5	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	64	Dec. '92	..	32 50	39 50

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where held	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
158a	Alexandra	Oil Springs ..	Th. on or a.f.m.	A. R. Hanks....	Walter Miller
159a	Goodwood	Richmond	W. on or b.f.m.	G.C. Richardson MD	James M. Argue ..
161a	Percy	Warkworth	Wed. b.f.m.	C. A. Tomlinson	S. Oliver
162	Forest	Wroxeter	M. on or b.f.m.	Js. Armstrong...	W. S. McKercher..
164a	Star in the East.	Wellington	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. W. Fitzgerald	J. D. Wilson
165a	Furlington	Burlington	W. on or b.f.m.	E. C. Kerns	W. J. Thomas
166a	Wentworth	Stony Creek ..	M. on or b.f.m.	Rev. F.E. Howitt	H. A. Combs.....
168a	Merritt	Welland	M. on or b.f.m.	J. Howell, M.D.	R. E. Waugh.....
169a	McNab	Port Colborne.	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Edgar B. McRae	D. W. McKay
170a	Britannia	Seaforth	1st Monday ..	Rev J W Hodgins	J. Orr Ross.....
171a	Prince of Wales	Iona	F. on or b.f.m.	J. D. Campbell..	Duncan Petersen..
172a	Ayr	Ayr	Tu. on or b.f.m.	James Cassie ..	A. J. Reed
174a	Walsingham	Port Rowan ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. H. Pearsall ..	James Ryan
176	Spartan	Sparta	M. on or b.f.m.	G. H. Haight ..	F. A. Henderson ..
177	The Builders	Ottawa	2nd Friday ..	Fred Cook.....	George McNeill....
178a	Plattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b.f.m.	E. J. Bristow ..	W. M. Veitch
180a	Speed	Guelph	1st Tuesday ..	G. R. Bruce	William Parker....
181a	Oriental	Port Burwell..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. S. Davidson	D. M. Chute
184a	Old Light	Lucknow	Th. on or b.f.m.	Walter A. Wilson	J. S. Tennant, M.D.
185a	Enniskillen	York	M. on or b.f.m.	John Senn.....	Joseph Peart.....
186a	Plantagenet	Plantagenet ..	M. on or b.f.m.	W. T. Franklin..	W. A. Chamberlain
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b.f.m.	A. R. Lusty	John Boyd.....
192a	Orillia	Orillia	F. on or b.f.m.	E. C. Roper	T. H. Robinson....
193a	Scotland	Scotland	M. on or b.f.m.	W. E. Hooker ..	Wallace E. Smith..
194a	Petrolia	Petrolia	2nd Wednesday	R. B. Burges ..	Robert Scott
195a	The Tuscan	London	1st Monday ..	W. T. Vanstone	R. B. Hungerford..
196a	Madawaska	Arnprior	2nd Monday ..	A. Burwash	George H. Hubbell
197a	Saugeen	Walkerton	2nd Tuesday ..	J. G. Pulford ..	W. A. Green
200	St. Albans	Mt. Forest	F. on or b.f.m.	T. R. Glanville ..	R. O. Kilgour
201a	Leeds	Gananoque	Tu. on or b.f.m.	G. E. Fale	James Hayward ..
203	Irvine	Elora	3rd Friday ..	Joseph Clarke ..	Thomas Godfrey ..
205	New Dominion ..	New Hamburg ..	M. on or a.f.m.	Thos. G. Walker	Otto C. Pressprich.
207a	Lancaster	Lancaster	W. on or b.f.m.	John P. Snider ..	R. T. Nicholson....
209a	St. John's	London	2nd Thursday.	W. S. Rhycard ..	John Siddons
219	Evergreen	Lanark	1st Tuesday ..	David McLaren ..	W. A. Field
212a	Elysian	Garden Island.	1st Monday ..	John Watts	Richard Raymond..
215	Lake	Ameliasburg ..	M. on or b.f.m.	D. F. Stafford ..	James E. Glenn ..
216a	Harris	Orangeville ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Robert Irvine ..	George Irvine
217a	Frederick	Delhi	M. on or b.f.m.	Charles G. Wood	E. Morgan
218a	Stevenson	Toronto	2nd Monday ..	Chas. H. Corton	W. Spence
219a	Credit	Georgetown ..	F. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Roe, M.D.	T. J. Wheeler
220a	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Thompson ..	John G. Vears
221a	Mountain	Thorold	W. on or b.f.m.	P. S. Meddough ..	William T. Fish ..
222a	Marmora	Marmora	Tues. b.f.m.	R. B. Proutt	M. Devlin
223a	Norwood	Norwood	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John B. Powell..	W. H. Stevenson..
224a	Zurich	Kensall	Th. on or b.f.m.	George T. McKay	James Bonthron ..
225a	Bernard	Listowel	W. on or b.f.m.	J. J. Foster	William Irwin
228a	Prince Arthur ..	Odessa	M. on or a.f.m.	R. W. Aylesworth	A. P. Booth
229a	Ionic	Brampton	3rd Tuesday ..	W. J. Jessop ..	W. W. Woods
230	Kerr	Barrie	4th Monday ..	John Hood	J. C. Brokovski....
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa	3rd Thursday.	B. W. Granger..	F. C. Lightfoot....
232a	Cameron	Dutton	W. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Nelson	J. C. Price
233a	Doric	Park Hill	Tu. on or b.f.m.	William Caw	A. S. Thornton....
234a	Peaver	Clarksburg ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Henry Lyne	J. H. Dickenson ..
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b.f.m.	S. M. Hutchison ..	John Claxton
236a	Manitoba	Cookstown	Tu. on or a.f.m.	John Robinson ..	John Platt
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b.f.m.	John H. Teall ..	George Thornton..
238	Havelock	Watford	Tu. on or b.f.m.	L. B. Howden ..	Frank Kenward ..
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b.f.m.	George Way	William Wray
242a	Macoy	Mallorytown ..	M. on or b.f.m.	J. C. Dickey	Horace Griffin
243a	St. George	St. George	Th. on or b.f.m.	James Vanatter..	L. J. Poole
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. N. Fraser	W. B. Albertson ..
247	Ashler	Toronto	4th Tuesday ..	William T. Allen	Curran Morrison ..
249a	Caledonia	Midland	2nd Tuesday ..	C. A. Phillips ..	Richard Raikes....

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No. of Lodge.	Initiat'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wid'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C	Expell'd	Rest'd.	Total Memb's.	Last Returns	Lodges.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
158	5	5	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	44	Dec. '92	...	...	\$ 33 25
159	2	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	62	Dec. '92	\$41 75	...	2 00
161	3	4	3	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	69	Dec. '92	...	...	44 00
162	5	5	4	2	4	1	...	...	...	...	41	Dec. '92	...	...	36 00
164	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	42	Dec. '92	...	\$ 2 00	24 50
165	4	4	4	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	56	Dec. '92	4 00	...	59 50
166	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	59	Dec. '92	...	...	57 50
168	4	3	2	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	84	Dec. '92	...	...	51 25
169	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	June '91	...	...	...
170	4	3	2	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	71	Dec. '92	...	...	41 00
171	4	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	46	June '92	...	...	40 00
172	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	June '92	...	...	21 50
174	10	8	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	10	Dec. '92	...	...	\$30 50
176	1	1	1	...	2	1	5	...	...	...	23	Dec. '92	...	...	16 00
177	3	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	86	Dec. '92	...	...	52 00
178	2	3	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	40	Dec. '92	...	...	30 5
180	1	1	1	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	97	Dec. '92	...	...	69 75
181	2	2	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	32	Dec. '92	...	...	24 00
184	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	42	Dec. '92	...	2 00	31 25
185	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	June '9	...	...	14 50
186	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	Dec. '92	...	...	54 00
190	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	23	Dec. '92	...	...	25 25
192	13	10	10	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	107	Dec. '92	...	...	77 50
193	8	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	Dec. '92	...	...	40 5
194	8	8	8	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	87	Dec. '92	...	...	61 00
195	5	4	4	5	3	...	2	...	1	...	66	June '92	...	...	34 00
196	8	10	9	6	1	...	3	...	1	...	47	Dec. '92	...	...	66 75
197	...	...	...	...	9	...	1	...	2	...	49	Dec. '92	3 00	...	25 50
200	7	6	5	2	2	...	1	...	2	...	45	Dec. '92	...	...	35 00
201	4	3	4	...	7	4	6	...	1	...	83	Dec. '92	...	...	65 75
203	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	55	June '92	27 50	...	1 00
205	3	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	June '92	...	...	21 50
207	3	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	35	June '92	...	2 00	32 00
209 ^a	9	7	9	1	3	2	4	...	...	...	171	Dec. '92	...	...	136 50
209	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	31	Dec. '92	...	...	18 50
212	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	34	June '92	...	...	22 00
215	8	8	7	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	46	Dec. '92	12 50	...	56 50
216	11	12	11	1	2	1	3	...	1	...	115	Dec. '92	...	...	108 25
217	7	6	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	39	Dec. '92	...	...	33 75
218	14	14	16	1	6	2	1	...	3	...	176	Dec. '92	...	8 00	134 00
219	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	49	Dec. '92	12 50	...	17 00
220	4	4	4	1	1	...	1	...	5	...	61	Dec. '92	...	...	39 00
221	...	2	5	...	1	1	10	...	5	...	65	Dec. '92	...	...	51 50
222	4	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	49	Dec. '92	...	...	35 50
223	5	2	2	...	4	1	8	...	...	...	15	Dec. '92	16 75	...	4 00
224	5	7	7	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	39	Dec. '92	...	...	38 75
225	15	14	13	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	71	Dec. '92	...	...	93 75
228	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	58	June '92	...	...	61 00
229	3	4	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	69	Dec. '92	...	...	52 25
230	2	2	2	2	3	...	4	...	...	...	90	Dec. '92	...	...	63 50
231	5	3	3	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	52	June '92	14 00	...	3 00
232	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	Dec. '92	1 00	...	25 00
233	3	2	2	1	4	2	...	...	2	...	46	Dec. '92	...	...	40 25
234	1	3	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	39	Dec. '92	...	...	28 00
235	5	5	4	1	6	2	1	...	8	...	42	Dec. '92	...	2 00	33 00
236	4	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	26	Dec. '92	...	...	25 75
237	5	4	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	38	Dec. '92	...	...	32 25
238	5	5	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	66	June '92	...	...	34 50
239	5	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	June '92	...	...	47 00
242	1	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	41	Dec. '92	...	...	38 75
243	4	4	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	54	Dec. '92	...	...	36 75
245 ^a	20	20	20	2	3	4	4	...	1	...	52	Dec. '92	...	2 00	65 50
247 ^a	7	10	9	2	4	...	4	...	1	...	153	Dec. '92	2 00	...	119 00
249	3	31	Dec. '92	6 00	...	20 00

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No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
250	Thistle	Embro	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. A. Munro..	W. Geddes
253a	Minden	Kingston	1st Monday	R. R. Creighton..	J. P. Oram
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls..	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. C. Bartle	H. Preston
255	Sydenham	Dresden	2nd Thursday..	Wm. McVean	D. V. Hicks
256a	Farran's Point ..	Farran's Point ..	W. on or b.f.m.	A. A. Weagant, md	John M. Cook
257a	Galt	Galt	1st Tuesday..	Geo. H. Thomas ..	W. J. Kitchen
258	Guelph	Guelph	2nd Tuesday..	Peter Anderson ..	Alexander Cordiner
260a	Washington	Petrolia	1st Tuesday..	Edward Marshall ..	D. R. Weir
261a	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Th. on or b.f.m.	John M. Farlane ..	E. A. Shoemaker ..
262a	Harriston	Harriston	2nd Monday	David Clapp	Alexander Michie..
263a	Forest	Forest	W. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Porte	P. W. Campbell
264a	Chaudiere	Ottawa	4th Tuesday..	W. A. Bangs	J. A. Clark
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. W. Bates	D. A. Nelles
266a	N. Light	Stayner	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. A. Cameron	J. E. Doner
267a	Parthenon	Chatham	1st Wednesday ..	John B. Ranklin ..	James Kerr
268a	Verulam	Bobcaygeou	Fri. on or b.f.m.	Robins. Ventress ..	L. W. Ross
269a	Brougham Union..	Brougham	W. on or a.f.m.	H. Westgate	A. Thompson
270a	Cedar	Oshawa	4th Tuesday	J. F. Grierson	L. K. Murton
271	Wellington	Erin	2nd Wednesday ..	Jas. Carmichael ..	James Broddy
272	Seymour	Ancaster	W. on or b.f.m.	John A. Daniels ..	Frank Bevin
274a	Kent	Blenheim	M. on or b.f.m.	Jno. Crookshank ..	Charles Senior
275	Teeswater	Teeswater	Fr. on or b.f.m.	John Chapman	C. A. Steele
277a	Seymour	Port Dalhousie ..	W. on or b.f.m.	J. G. Dell	A. Kelly
278	Mystic	Roslin	Th. before f.m.	Henry Hudson	J. W. Wilson
279	New Hope	Hespeler	W. on or b.f.m.	R. J. Lockhart	Chris. Pabst
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Th. on or b.f.m.	Alex. McIntyre	Dr. Lumley
283a	Eureka	Bellefleur	Wed. a.f.m.	John Fenn	W. J. Diamond
284a	St. John's	Brussels	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Albert C. Dames ..	John Shaw
285	Seven Star	Alliston	W. on or b.f.m.	Dr. Hunter	H. M. Wright
286a	Wingham	Wingham	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. G. McGregor	J. A. Morton
287a	Shuniah	Port Arthur	1st Tuesday	James A. Fraser ..	J. Dickenson
289a	Doric	Lobo	Th. on or b.f.m.	D. Campbell	P. L. Graham, M.D.
290a	Leamington	Leamington	Tu. on or b.f.m.	William A. Piper ..	M. G. Heatherington
291a	Dufferin	W. Flamboro' ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Simon	Alfred Jones
292a	Robertson	Nobleton	W. on or b.f.m.	T. H. Robinson	J. D. Prentis
293a	T. Roy. Sol. Moth.	Jerusalem, Pa. ..	1st Wednesday ..	W. H. Kayat	C. N. Tados
294a	Moore	Mooretown	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. D. Armstrong ..	John Maw
295a	Conestogo	Drayton	Th. on or a.f.m.	Theodore Flath	A. C. Woodman
296a	Temple	St. Catharine's ..	Last Wednes.	Benjamin Bach	A. J. McGregor
297	Preston	Preston	Fr. on or b.f.m.	F. Fischer, senr. ..	Joseph Beltzer
299	Victoria	Centreville	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. B. Carscallen ..	Alonzo Walker
300a	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Aaron Griffith	S. S. Murray, M.D.
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	3rd Thursday	D. B. Drake	W. H. Ingram
303a	Blyth	Blyth	Tu. on or a.f.m.	J. M. Hamilton	John M. Rose
304	Minerva	Stroud	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. D. B. Spry	C. E. Chantler
305a	Humber	Weston	W. before f.m.	Thomas Simpson	W. H. Keefer
306	Durham	Durham	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Thomas Brown	George Russell
307a	Arkona	Arkona	Th. on or b.f.m.	Frank Hooper	George M. Everest ..
309a	Morning Star	Smith's Hill	W. on or b.f.m.	J. P. Brown	John Wilson
311a	Blackwood	Woodbridge	Fr. on or b.f.m.	Robert Cowling ..	T. A. Agar
312a	Phyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b.f.m.	Harvey Morris	E. E. Barker
313a	Clementi	Lakefield	1st Tuesday	F. R. S. Barlee	R. Q. Dench
314a	Blair	Palmerston	Fri. after f.m.	H. Hyndman	Wm. J. Nicholl
315	Clifford	Clifford	3rd Monday	J. S. Dewar	C. H. Patterson
316a	Doric	Toronto	3rd Thursday	J. B. Johnson	H. H. Williams
318	Wilmot	Baden	Fr. on or a.f.m.	F. Holwell	Alfred Kaufman
319a	Hiram	Hagersville	Th. on or b.f.m.	Joshua Howard	H. Gallagher
320a	Chesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b.f.m.	J. P. Boggart	James G. Gillespie ..
321a	Walker	Acton, West	M. on or b.f.m.	John Lawson	W. R. Kenney
322a	North Star	Owen Sound	Wed. after f.m.	W. A. Bishop	George Munro
323a	Alvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m.	Richard Code	E. Warner, junior ..
324a	Temple	Hamilton	2nd Tuesday	K. Bethune	E. G. Kittson, M.D.
325a	Orono	Orono	Th. on or b.f.m.	James Hunter	Wm. Armstrong
326a	Zetland	Toronto	4th Friday	H. Vigeon	W. D. McPherson ..
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	3rd Tuesday	Jas. T. McKillop ..	D. Johnson

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													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
250	2	2	1	...	1	..	4	25	Dec., '9	\$16 50
253	4	5	6	1	1	74	Dec., '92	62 00
254	3	4	5	1	1	1	2	84	Dec., '92	54 50
255	3	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	45	Dec., '92	...	...	29 25
256	1	1	1	2	4	...	2	...	...	...	65	Dec., '92	...	...	46 25
257	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	52	Dec., '92	...	\$2 00	40 00
258	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	84	June, '92	...	...	49 50
260	4	6	6	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	72	Dec., '92	\$20 25	...	43 25
261	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	Dec., '92	...	...	13 75
262	3	3	3	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	48	Dec., '91	...	...	...
263	4	4	3	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	58	June, '92	...	...	66 00
264	6	6	6	...	3	1	1	...	...	1	73	Dec., '92	...	...	49 50
265	2	2	1	...	4	1	8	...	...	...	36	June, '92	4 00	...	28 75
266	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	39	Dec., '92	...	...	23 50
267	4	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	Dec., '92	...	...	49 75
268	2	4	3	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	46	Dec., '92	...	...	27 50
269	6	5	4	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	41	Dec., '92	1 00	...	30 00
270	4	4	4	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	74	June, '92	...	...	25 75
271	4	5	2	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	40	June, '92	...	...	15 00
272	2	2	7	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	51	Dec., '92	...	...	44 00
274	5	5	5	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	50	June, '92	...	...	21 25
276	3	4	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	29	Dec., '92	...	...	26 50
277	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	33	Dec., '92	...	...	36 50
278	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	23	Dec., '92	...	...	17 00
279	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	Dec., '92	...	...	27 25
282	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	June, '92	...	...	25 50
283	4	4	5	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	49	Dec., '92	...	...	41 25
284	9	12	10	2	3	...	6	...	...	2	55	Dec., '92	...	...	69 75
285	3	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	28	June, '92	...	...	17 50
286	4	5	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	2	45	Dec., '92	...	...	41 75
287	7	2	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	104	Dec., '92	...	4 00	74 75
289	5	6	9	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	50	Dec., '92	...	...	47 25
290	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	Dec., '92	...	...	42 00
291	4	4	4	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	33	Dec., '92	1 00	...	25 50
292	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	29	Dec., '92	8 25	...	12 50
293	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	June, '89	...	...	...
294	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	25	Dec., '92	...	...	12 75
295	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	June, '92	9 25	...	16 00
296	...	3	4	...	2	...	4	...	...	1	55	Dec., '92	...	...	37 75
297	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	20	Dec., '92	...	...	10 75
299	6	6	5	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	43	Dec., '92	...	...	45 25
300	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	26	June, '92	...	...	17 00
302	12	16	14	3	6	...	4	...	...	2	114	Dec., '92	37 00	...	103 50
303	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	...	...	...	46	Dec., '92	...	...	31 00
304	1	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	21	Dec., '92	...	...	23 75
305	5	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	Dec., '92	...	...	24 50
306	2	3	4	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	45	Dec., '92	...	...	33 25
307	4	4	4	1	6	...	...	...	...	1	39	Dec., '92	...	...	29 00
309	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	47	Dec., '92	...	...	27 00
311	6	6	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	38	Dec., '92	...	...	40 50
311	11	10	8	...	6	2	...	...	...	4	77	Dec., '92	...	...	47 50
313	5	5	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	Dec., '92	2 00	...	28 75
314	3	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	51	Dec., '92	...	2 00	29 75
315	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	26	Dec., '92	...	...	19 00
316	9	11	10	1	7	...	5	...	...	...	140	Dec., '92	...	...	109 00
318	3	2	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	35	June, '92	5 00	...	22 50
319	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	33	Dec., '92	...	...	3 25
320	12	10	7	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	61	Dec., '95	...	...	60 00
321	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	28	Dec., '92	...	...	16 25
322	3	4	5	1	4	...	...	...	...	2	72	Dec., '92	...	...	49 00
323	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	55	June, '92	...	...	64 00
324	12	11	9	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	223	Dec., '92	...	...	135 25
325	1	2	...	2	44	Dec., '92	33 75
326	18	17	14	16	2	2	3	1	179	June, '92	167 75
327	1	1	1	...	2	1	23	June, '91

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323	Ionic	Napier	Fr. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Sutherland	H. Thompson
329a	King Solomon	Jarvis	Fr. on or b.f.m.	James Duncan	David Hill
330a	Corinthian	London, East	1st Tuesday	D. C. Kennedy	H. C. Simpson
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Th. on or b.f.m.	R. H. Butchart	G. Wilson
332	Stratford	Stratford	2nd Monday	J. E. Sanagan	W. McFarlane
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	Fr. on or b.f.m.	Thomas Carter	R. J. Sproule
334a	Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Edw. All. en, M.D.	Thomas J. Phillips
336a	Highgate	Highgate	Fr. on or b.f.m.	D. P. McPhail	A. Ferguson
337a	Myrtle	Port Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Thos Sowersby	C. B. Bennett
338	Dufferin	Welland Port	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. C. Holmes	J. R. Goring
339a	Orient	Toronto	1st Tuesday	A. B. Crosby	H. Tolhurst
341a	Bruce	Tiverton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Chambers	John McKellar
343	Georgina	Sutton	Th. on or b.f.m.	F. G. Tremayne	Thos. B. Bentley
344	Merrill	Dorchester S'n	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Shaw	A. Carson
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Thos. McDougal	A. R. Rowat
342a	Occident	Toronto	3rd Wednesday	James C. Jardine	T. W. Barber
347a	Mercer	Fergus	1st Friday	David Hodge	G. A. Reid
348a	Georgian	Penetang'sh'n	1st Thursday	Silas A. Milligan	J. J. Buckley
352a	Granite	Parry Sound	W. on or b.f.m.	Robert Spring	D. Macfarlane
354a	Brock	Cannington	W. on or b.f.m.	John Twohey	John Sharp
356a	River Park	Streetsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	William Taylor	William Couse
357	Waterdown	Waterdown	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. D. Courtenay M.D.	W. R. Wilson
358a	Delaware Valley	Delaware	Fr. on or b.f.m.	A. B. Smith	J. R. Hammond
359a	Vittoria	Vittoria	Fr. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Walmsley	D. W. McColl
360a	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Tu. on or b.f.m.	James Whitten	Isaac Huber
361a	Waverly	Guelph	4th Monday	W. M. Stanley	A. E. Lyon
362a	Maple Leaf	Tara	M. on or b.f.m.	Thomas Wilson	J. F. Smith
364a	Dufferin	Melbourne	W. on or b.f.m.	A. R. Huston	Samuel Bateman
367a	St. George	Toronto	1st Friday	A. E. Geunt	Frank Denton
368	Salem	Brockville	2nd Monday	E. A. Geiger	W. J. Curle
369a	Mimico	Lambton Mills	Tu. on or b.f.m.	James Sabiston	Rev. A. R. Linton
370	Harmony	Delta	M. on or b.f.m.	L. N. Phelps	John W. Russell
371a	Prince of Wales	Ottawa	4th Friday	C. W. Close	W. J. Glover
372a	Palmer	Victoria	Tu. on or a.f.m.	R. Magwood	A. B. Hurrell
372a	Copestone	Welland	1st Thursday	J. E. Whalley	W. G. Somerville
374a	Keene	Keene	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. C. McCrea	John M. Shaw, M.D.
374a	Lorne	Omamee	1st Thursday	T. A. McPherson	A. Laidley
376a	Unity	Huntsville	1st Wednesday	John R. Reece	Robert Scarlett
377a	Lorne	Shelburne	1st Friday	James Cleary	F. T. Brown
378a	King Solomon	London, West	4th Tuesday	E. T. Essery	Wm. Nicholls
379a	Middlesex	Bryanston	W. on or b.f.m.	F. Fitzgerald	J. Nicholson
380a	Union	London	2nd Monday	G. Hampton	A. C. Stewart
382	Doric	Hamilton	3rd Monday	George F. Webb	F. Walter
383a	Henderson	W. Winchester	1st Tuesday	W. J. Fraser	S. S. Reveler
384a	Alpha	Toronto	1st Thursday	Samuel Hobbs	Alex. T. Middleton
385a	Spry	Beeton	W. on or a.f.m.	Edmund Bell	James R. Croft
383a	McColl	West Lorne	Tu. on or b.f.m.	John A. Gilles	Robert McFate
387a	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	Th. on or b.f.m.	John W. Taylor	Rev. C. J. Young
388	Henderson	Ilderton	M. on or b.f.m.	Graham Walker	John H. McRae
389a	Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	W. on or b.f.m.	J. Chapman	J. B. Love
390a	Florence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. Drew	J. D. McMillan
391a	Howard	Ridgetown	M. on or b.f.m.	B. Paine	J. A. C. Anderson
392a	Huron	Camlachie	W. on or b.f.m.	H. Symington	A. Trusler
393a	Forest	Chesley	1st Tuesday	William Halliday	C. J. Mickle
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	W. on or b.f.m.	R. F. O'Neill	E. A. Dundas
395	Parvaim	Comber	Th. on or b.f.m.	C. W. Sherer	Robert Anderson
396a	Cedar	Warton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. R. Gilberts	James Walmsley
397a	Leopold	Bridgen	W. on or b.f.m.	A. F. Wade	W. J. Ward
398	Victoria	Victoria Road	W. on or b.f.m.	A. B. Chaffe	A. Taylor
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	W. on or b.f.m.	John H. O'Neill	J. J. Jelly
400a	Oakville	Oakville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. D. Willson	James C. Ford
401a	Craig	Deseronto	1st Tuesday	Geo. W. Wright	E. R. Chapman
402a	Central	Essex Centre	W. on or b.f.m.	Jas. Cunningham	Alexander Wallace
403	Windsor	Windsor	1st Friday	E. S. Wigle	George D. Adams
404a	Lorne	Tamworth	Fr. on or a.f.m.	Jas. Aylsworth	C. R. Jones

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328	2	1	2	26	Dec., '92	\$15 25
329	3	2	2	...	1	1	2	46	Dec., '92	26 25
330	8	7	7	1	5	2	7	70	Dec., '92	62 25
331	2	2	2	2	32	Dec., '92	2 00	...	18 25
332	13	13	16	5	2	...	...	...	...	1	71	Dec., '92	...	...	79 25
333	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	Dec., '92	...	...	54 25
334	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	Dec., '92	53 25	...	44 00
336	7	6	4	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	37	Dec., '92	20 25	...	37 00
337	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	32	Dec., '92	8 25	...	27 00
338	1	1	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	24	June, '92	10 00	...	20 00
339	12	11	11	3	6	3	...	...	...	2	167	Dec., '92	...	...	103 50
341	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	...	...	1	58	Dec., '92	...	...	40 75
343	...	...	1	...	2	...	15	...	...	...	27	Dec., '92	19 25	...	25 00
344	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	25	Dec., '92	50	...	31 25
345	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	Dec., '92	...	...	25 50
346	11	16	15	3	10	2	7	...	...	1	154	June, '92	...	...	103 75
347	3	4	3	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	41	Dec., '92	...	...	35 60
348	3	3	1	...	6	1	5	1	...	1	21	Dec., '92	...	41 75	114 50
352	2	2	3	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	50	Dec., '92	...	...	52 00
354	2	2	2	...	3	1	3	...	...	1	41	Dec., '92	2 00	...	58 75
356	11	12	10	1	4	...	...	...	...	2	33	Dec., '92	...	...	38 25
357	...	...	...	...	1	...	8	...	...	...	29	Dec., '9	75	...	17 75
358	7	6	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	42	June, '92	10 00	...	23 00
359	1	1	1	...	5	1	...	...	...	2	37	Dec., '92	1 00	...	19 50
360	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	40	Dec., '92	...	...	20 75
361	3	2	...	1	...	...	6	...	...	...	85	June, '92	...	2 00	34 50
362	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	48	Dec., '92	...	...	30 50
364	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	Dec., '92	21 50	...	5 75
367	15	9	8	1	5	2	3	...	...	2	136	June, '92	...	...	85 50
368	6	6	8	4	3	...	7	...	...	1	83	Dec., '92	...	...	60 25
369	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	66	Dec., '91	...	1 00	...
370	6	4	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	56	June, '92	...	...	27 00
371	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	67	Dec., '92	...	...	38 25
372	3	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	38	Dec., '92	...	2 00	23 25
373	5	6	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	43	June, '91	...	...	...
374	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	25	Dec., '92	...	...	13 50
375	6	6	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	29	Dec., '92	6 50	...	17 00
376	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	Dec., '91	...	...	29 00
377	4	5	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	53	Dec., '92	12 50	...	21 50
378	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	June, '92	...	8 00	46 00
379	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	Dec., '92	...	...	18 75
380	4	1	...	...	2	...	11	...	...	...	77	June, '92	...	...	77 00
382	11	12	14	3	1	1	2	...	...	1	149	Dec., '92	...	...	93 50
383	4	4	4	2	2	...	6	...	...	...	2	Dec., '92	50	...	36 00
384	19	15	10	7	10	1	10	...	...	1	153	Dec., '92	...	...	127 00
385	1	1	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	52	Dec., '92	...	...	22 25
386	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	June, '92	16 25	...	27 50
387	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	Dec., '92	...	...	12 50
388	2	2	2	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	43	June, '92	...	...	18 00
389	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	50	Dec., '92	...	...	63 50
390	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	21	Dec., '92	...	...	24 50
391	...	...	...	...	5	...	3	...	...	...	61	Dec., '92	...	...	35 00
392	5	9	10	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	51	Dec., '92	...	...	69 00
393	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	27	June, '92	...	...	26 25
394	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	Dec., '92	...	...	30 25
395	2	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	37	Dec., '92	...	...	34 75
396	6	6	3	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	52	Dec., '92	...	...	34 50
397	9	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	Dec., '92	...	...	22 50
398	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	24	Dec., '92	...	...	24 50
399	5	6	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	Dec., '92	1 00	...	15 25
400	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	Dec., '92	...	...	51 25
401	8	9	8	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	47	Dec., '92	...	...	45 50
402	7	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	June, '92	...	...	25 00
403	10	10	8	6	...	1	3	...	...	...	66	Dec., '92	20 00	...	61 25
404	3	3	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	41	Dec., '9	...	6 00	37 50

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE, 1893

No. of Lodge.	Lodge.	Where held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
405a	Mattawa	Mattawa ..	1st Tuesday ..	John De Lousa ..	H. Boletho
406a	The Spry	Fenelon Falls ..	nd Friday	G. J. Nie	Stephen Nevison ..
408	Murray	Beaverton ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	A. Grant	F. S. King
409a	Golden Rule.....	Gravenhurst..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Neil McCallum..	W. H. Brown
410a	Zeta	Toronto ..	4th Thursday ..	G. J. Bennett ..	W. Walker
411a	Rodney	Rodney ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	A. Humphrey ..	E. A. Hugill
411a	Keystone	S. Ste Marie ..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. J. Bradley, MD	J. M. Wemyss
413a	Naphtali	Tilbury Centre	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. F. Grimes....	David Kennedy....
414	Pequonga	Rat Portage ..	1st Wednesday	A. Campbell....	D. F. Ferguson....
415a	Fort William	Fort William ..	1st Wednesday	Robt. McGregor	Joseph R. McNabb
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu. on or b.f.m.	George A. Hoag ..	A. E. Cumming ..
417a	Keewatin	Keewatin Mills	1st Friday	D. L. Mather ..	R. A. Mather
418a	Maxville	Maxville ..	nd Tuesday	C. T. Smith	C. A. Switzer
419a	Bismarck	Point Edward	2nd Monday ..	B. F. George ..	William Mitchell ..
420a	Nipissing	North Bay ..	2nd Thursday ..	A. R. Morris....	D. Thompson.....
421a	Scott ..	Grand Valley ..	W. on or b.f.m.	Geo. H. Cooper ..	Herbert Stuckey ..
422a	Star of the East ..	Bothwell ...	W. on or b.f.m.	W. Shelly ...	Charles E. Bayley ..
423a	Strong ..	Sundridge ..	3rd Wednesday	A. J. Howes	E. O. Taylor
424a	Doric	Pickering ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	John Gormley ..	George Kerr
425a	St. Clair.....	Port Lambton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. J. Findlay ..	Wm. H. McDonald
426	Stanley	W. Tor. Junc	1st Tuesday ..	G. W. Clendenan	Thos. E. Frankish..
427	Nickel	Sudbury ..	1st Wednesday	W. H. Howey, MD	S. Rondeau
428	Fidelity	Port Perry	Fr. on or b.f.m.	A. J. Davis	J. H. Brown
429	Port Elgin.....	Port Elgin ..	Th. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Ruby	A. Miller
430	Acacia	East Toronto..	3rd Monday ..	M. P. McMaster	J. McMaster
431	Moravian	Eden Grove ..	Fr. on or a.f.m.	Thos. Pinkerton	W. J. McKeeman

AND LAST RETURNS PRIOR TO THE LEDGER BALANCES AT 31ST MAY, 1893.—*Continued.*

No. of Lodge.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	With- drawn.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C	Expell'd	Restor'd	Total Members	Last Returns	Ledger.		Paid Grand Lodge.
													Dr. Bal.	Cr. Bal.	
405	3	5	6	2	3	1	....	.	...	...	77	Dec., '92	.....	.....	\$106 50
406	1	1	1	..	...	...	...	.	...	1	40	Dec., '92	\$24 00	.....	.....
408	....	1	1	..	3	...	...	7	...	...	40	June, '92	.....	.....	32 10
409	3	4	3	1	2	...	...	3	...	...	33	Dec., '92	.....	.....	30 25
410	4	5	5	2	5	1	4	.	...	...	65	Dec., '92	.....	.....	54 75
411	4	3	3	....	1	...	...	...	...	...	30	Dec., '92	.....	.....	20 50
412	7	6	5	3	6	...	6	1	...	...	78	Dec., '92	.....	.....	70 00
413	9	7	6	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	42	Dec., '92	.....	.....	60 10
414	1	....	2	...	2	...	7	...	...	...	82	June, '92	.....	.....	66 00
415	7	7	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	60	Dec., '92	.....	2 00	60 75
416	7	7	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	31	Dec., '92	.....	.....	18 00
417	8	7	8	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	60	Dec., '92	.....	.....	41 00
418	5	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	47	Dec., '92	.....	.....	46 00
419	2	2	3	....	...	...	2	...	...	...	70	Dec., '92	.....	.....	61 00
420	4	5	7	1	2	1	6	...	...	1	85	Dec., '92	.....	.....	96 00
421	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	Dec., '92	.....	.....	43 50
422	4	4	5	..	1	1	...	...	...	...	24	June, '92	.....	2 00	16 00
423	6	5	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	36	Dec., '92	2 50	.....	34 75
424	5	3	2	....	2	...	2	...	...	...	33	Dec., '92	.....	.....	29 75
425	7	8	5	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	37	Dec., '92	.....	.....	47 00
426	14	11	10	15	2	...	...	...	...	...	63	June, '92	.....	16 00	55 75
427	24	30	22	3	2	1	....	...	...	...	61	Dec., '92	.....	.....	.....
428	6	5	....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	Dec., '92	.....	.....	31 25
429	7	6	6	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	27	Dec., '92	.....	.....	7 25
430	15	10	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	None...	.....	.....	23 00
431	2	1	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	None...	.....	.....	20 00
												Interest	General	Fund..	2463 19
												"	Asylum	" ..	449 00
												Sundries	.....	.....	1061 00
1561 1500 1410 353 596 239 613 6 .. 153 22064													\$870 25	\$253 25	\$21103 94

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT, NO. 1. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. A. H. Von Gunten, Chatham.

No. 34, Thistle	Amherstburg	No. 327, The Hammond	Wardsville
" 41, St. George	Kingsville	" 334, Highgate	Highgate
" 46, Wellington	Chatham	" 386, McColl	West Lorne
" 47, Great Western	Windsor	" 390, Florence	Florence
" 245, Tecumseh	Thamesville	" 391, Howard	Ridgetown
" 255, Sydenham	Dresden	" 395, Parvaim	Comber
" 267, Parthenon	Chatham	" 4 2, Central	Essex Centre
" 274, Kent	Blenheim	" 4 3, Windsor	Windsor
" 282, Lorne	Glencoe	" 411, Rodney	Rodney
" 290, Leamington	Leamington	" 413, Naphtali	Tilbury Centre
" 312, Pnyx	Wallaceburg	" 422, Star of the East	Bothwell

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 2. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Frederic Goodier, Watford.

No. 56, Victoria	Sarnia	No. 294, Moore	Mooretown
" 81, St. John's	Mt. Brydges	" 307, Arkona	Arkona
" 83, Beaver	Strathroy	" 324, Alvinston	Alvinston
" 116, Cassia	Thedford	" 328, Ionic	Napier
" 153, Burns	Wyoming	" 364, Dufferin	Melbourne
" 158, Alexandra	Oil Springs	" 392, Huron	Cambridge
" 194, Petrolia	Petrolia	" 397, Leopold	Brigden
" 238, Havelock	Watford	" 419, Bismarck	Point Edward
" 260, Washington	Petrolia	" 425, St. Clair	Port Lambton
" 261, Forest	Forest		

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 3. (27.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brodrick, London.

No. 20, St. John's	London	No. 289, Doric	Lobo
" 42, St. George's	London	" 3 10, Mt. Olivet	Thorndale
" 44, St. Thomas	St. Thomas	" 302, St. David's	St. Thomas
" 64, Kilwinning	London	" 330, Corinthian	London East
" 94, St. Mark's	Port Stanley	" 344, Merrill	Dorchester Station
" 107, St. Paul's	Lambeth	" 345, Nilestown	Nilestown
" 120, Warren	Fingal	" 353, Delaware Valley	Delaware
" 140, Malahide	Aylmer	" 378, King Solomon's	London West
" 171, Prince of Wales	Iona	" 379, Middlesex	Bryanston
" 176, Spartan	Sparta	" 380, Union	London
" 190, Belmont	Belmont	" 388, Henderson	Ilderton
" 195, Tuscan	London	" 394, King Solomon	Thamesford
" 2 19a, St. John's	London	" 399, Moffatt	Harrietsville
" 23 1/2, Cameron	Dutton		

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 4. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Dawson, Sylvan.

No. 33, Maitland	Goderich	No. 205, New Dominion	New Hamburg
" 73, St. James	St. Mary's	" 221, Zurich	Hensall
" 81, Clinton	Clinton	" 233, Doric	Park Hill
" 133, Lebanon Forest	Exeter	" 303, Blyth	Blyth
" 141, Tudor	Mitchell	" 309, Morning Star	Smith's Hill
" 144, Tecumseh	Stratford	" 3 8, Wilmot	Baden
" 154, Irving	Lucan	" 332, Stratford	Stratford
" 170, Britannia	Seaforth		

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, NO. 5. (17.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. Collins, Kincardine.

No. 93, Northern Light	Kincardine	No. 236, Wingham	Wingham
" 131, St. Lawrence	Southampton	" 331, Fordwich	Fordwich
" 162, Forest	Wroxeter	" 341, Bruce	Tiverton
" 184, Old Light	Lucknow	" 362, Maple Leaf	Tara
" 197, Saugeen	Walkerton	" 393, Forest	Chesley
" 225, Bernard	Listowel	" 396, Cedar	Wharton
" 235, Aldworth	Paisley	" 429, Port Elgin	Port Elgin
" 276, Teeswater	Teeswater	" 431, Moravian	Eden Grove
" 284, St. John's	Brussels		

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. A. McCurdy, M.D., Norwich.

No. 10, Norfolk	Simcoe	No. 149, Erie,	Port Dover
" 37, King Hiram	Ingersoll	" 174, Walsingham	Port Rowan
" 43, King Solomon	Woodstock	" 178, Plattsville	Plattsville
" 68, St. John's	Ingersoll	" 181, Oriental	Port Burwell
" 76, Oxford	Woodstock	" 193, Scotland	Scotland
" 78, King Hiram	Tilsonburg	" 217, Frederick	Delhi
" 82, St. John's	Paris	" 237, Vienna	Vienna
" 104, St. John's	Norwich	" 250, Thistle	Embro
" 106, Burford	Burford	" 261, Oak Branch	Innerkip
" 108, Blenheim	Princeton	" 369, Vittoria	Vittoria
" 113, Wilson	Waterford		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro Charles Pettiford, Guelph.

No. 72, Alma	Galt	No. 279, New Hope	Hespeler
" 151, The Grand River	Berlin	" 295, Conestogo	Drayton
" 172, Ayr	Ayr	" 295, Preston	Preston
" 184, Speed	Guelph	" 304, Durham	Durham
" 200, St. Alban's	Mount Forest	" 314, Blair	Palmerston
" 213, Irvine	Elora	" 315, Clifford	Clifford
" 216, Harris	Orangeville	" 334, Prince Arthur	Arthur
" 257, Galt	Galt	" 347, Mercer	Fergus
" 258, Guelph	Guelph	" 361, Waverley	Guelph
" 262, Harriston	Harriston	" 421, Scott	Grand Valley
" 271, Wellington	Erin		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro F. C. Heath, M.D., Brantford.

No. 6, Barton	Hamilton	No. 166, Wentworth	Stoney Creek
" 27, Strict Observance	Hamilton	" 219, Credit	Georgetown
" 40, St. John's	Hamilton	" 243, St. George	St. George
" 45, Brant	Brantford	" 272, Seymour	Ancaster
" 57, Harmony	Binbrook	" 291, Dufferin	West Flamboro'
" 61, Acacia	Hamilton	" 321, Walker	Acton West
" 62, St. Andrew's	Caledonia	" 324, Temple	Hamilton
" 100, Valley	Dundas	" 357, Waterdown	Waterdown
" 121, Doric	Brantford	" 382, Doric	Hamilton
" 135, St. Clair	Milton	" 400, Oakville	Oakville
" 165, Burlington	Burlington		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (19.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. B. Sanders, Stayner.

No. 79, Simcoe	Bradford	No. 249, Caledonia	Midland
" 88, St. George's	Owen Sound	" 266, Northern	Stayner
" 90, Manito	Collingwood	" 285, Seven Star	Alliston
" 96, Corinthian	Barrie	" 304, Minerva	Stroud
" 98, True Blue	Albion	" 322, North Star	Owen Sound
" 137, Pythagoras	Meaford	" 333, Prince Arthur	Flesherton
" 142, Orillia	Orillia	" 348, Georgian	Penetanguishene
" 230, Kerr	Barrie	" 377, Lorne	Shelburne
" 234, Beaver	Clarksburg	" 385, Spry	Beeton
" 236, Manitoba	Cookstown		

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. James Noble, Jarvis.

No. 2, Niagara	Niagara	No. 221, Mountain	Thorold
" 7, Union	Grimsby	" 254, Clifton	Niagara Falls
" 15, St. George's	St. Catharines	" 277, Seymour	Port Dalhousie
" 32, Amity	Dunnville	" 286, Temple	St. Catharines
" 35, St. John's	Cayuga	" 319, Hiram	Hagersville
" 103, Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	" 329, King Solomon	Jarvis
" 105, St. Mark's	Drummondville	" 337, Myrtle	Port Robinson
" 115, Ivy	Beamsville	" 338, Dufferin	Wellandport
" 138, Merritt	Welland	" 372, Palmer	Victoria
" 159, Macnab	Port Colborne	" 373, Copestone	Welland
" 185, Enniskillen	York		

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 11. (38.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, Toronto.

No. 16, St. Andrews	Toronto	No. 265, Patterson	Thornhill
" 22, King Solomon's	Toronto	" 169, Brougham Union	Brougham
" 23, Richmond	Richmond Hill	" 292, Robertson	Nobleton
" 25, Ionic	Toronto	" 305, Humber	Weston
" 54, Vaughan	Maple	" 311, Blackwood	Woodbridge
" 65, Rehoboam	Toronto	" 316, Doric	Toronto
" 75, St. John's	Toronto	" 326, Zetland	Toronto
" 86, Wilson	Toronto	" 339, Orient	Toronto
" 87, Markham Union	Markham	" 343, Georgina	Sutton West
" 97, Sharon	Sharon	" 346, Occident	Toronto
" 99, Tuscan	Newmarket	" 354, Brock	Cannington
" 118, Union	Schomberg	" 356, River Park	Streetsville
" 129, The Rising Sun	Aurora	" 367, St. George	Toronto
" 136, Richardson	Stouffville	" 369, Mimico	Lambton
" 156, York	Eglinton	" 384, Alpha	Toronto
" 218, Stevenson	Toronto	" 410, Zeta	Toronto
" 220, Zerodatha	Uxbridge	" 424, Doric	Pickering
" 229, Ionic	Brampton	" 426, Stanley	Toronto Junction
" 247, Ashlar	Toronto	" 430, Acacia	East Toronto

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO 12. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. H. Armour, Lindsay.

No. 26, Ontario	Port Hope	No. 223, Norwood	Norwood
" 30, Composite	Whitby	" 268, Verulam	Bobcaygeon
" 31, Jerusalem	Bowmanville	" 270, Cedar	Oshawa
" 39, Mount Zion	Brooklin	" 313, Clementi	Lakefield
" 68, Durham	Newcastle	" 325, Orono	Orono
" 77, Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	" 374, Keene	Keene
" 101, Corinthian	Peterborough	" 375, Lorne	Omeme
" 114, Hope	Port Hope	" 398, Victoria	Victoria Road
" 139, Lebanon	Oshawa	" 406, The Spry	Fenelon Falls
" 145, J. B. Hall	Millbrook	" 408, Murray	Beaverton
" 155, Peterborough	Peterborough	" 428, Fidelity	Port Perry

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO 13. (20.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Webster, Belleville.

No. 11, Moira	Belleville	No. 126, Golden Rule	Campbellford
" 17, St. John's	Cobourg	" 127, Franck	Frankfort
" 18, Prince Edward	Pictou	" 161, Percy	Warkworth
" 29, United	Brighton	" 164, Star in the East	Wellington
" 38, Trent	Trenton	" 215, Lake	Ameliasburg
" 48, Madoc	Madoc	" 222, Marmora	Marmora
" 50, Consecon	Consecon	" 239, Tweed	Tweed
" 69, Stirling	Stirling	" 278, Mystic	Roslin
" 91, Colborne	Colborne	" 283, Eureka	Belleville
" 123, The Belleville	Belleville	" 401, Craig	Deseronto

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, NO. 14. (13.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. Taylor, Gananoque.

No. 3, The Ancient St. John's	Kingston	No. 201, Leeds	Gananoque
" 9, Union	Napanee	" 212, Elysian	Garden Island
" 92, Cataraqui	Kingston	" 228, Prince Arthur	Odessa
" 109, Albion	Harrowsmith	" 253, Minden	Kingston
" 119, Maple Leaf	Bath	" 293, Victoria	Centreville
" 146, Prince of Wales	Newburg	" 404, Lorne	Tamworth
" 157, Simpson	Newboro'		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John F. Graham, Prescott.

No. 5, Sussex	Brockville	No. 207, Lancaster	Lancaster
" 14, True Britons	Perth	" 242, Macoy	Mallorytown
" 24, St. Francis	Smith's Falls	" 256, Farran's Point	Farran's Point
" 28, Mount Zion	Kemptville	" 320, Chesterville	Chesterville
" 55, Merrickville	Merrickville	" 368, Salem	Brockville
" 74, St. James	Maitland	" 370, Harmony	Delta
" 85, Rising Sun	Farmersville	" 383, Henderson	West Winchester
" 110, Central	Prescott	" 387, Lansdowne	Lansdowne
" 125, Cornwall	Cornwall	" 389, Crystal Fountain	North Augusta
" 142, Excelsior	Morrisburg	" 416, Lyn	Lyn
" 143, Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	" 418, Maxville	Maxville

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (17.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. R. W. Stephen, Ottawa.

No. 21a, St. John's	Vankleek Hill	No. 177, The Builders'	Ottawa
" 52, Dalhousie	Ottawa	" 186, Plantagenet	Plantagenet
" 58, Doric	Ottawa	" 193, Madawaska	Arnprior
" 63, St. John's	Carleton Place	" 209, Evergreen	Lanark
" 122, Renfrew	Renfrew	" 231, Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa
" 128, Pembroke	Pembroke	" 264, Chaudiere	Ottawa
" 147, Mississippi	Almonte	" 371, Prince of Wales	Ottawa
" 148, Civil Service	Ottawa	" 405, Mattawa	Mattawa
" 159, Goodwood	Richmond		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 17. (5.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Richard McNabb, Fort William.

No. 287, Shuniah	Port Arthur	No. 415, Fort William	Fort William
" 412, Key Stone	Sault Ste Marie	" 417, Keewatin	Keewatin Mills
" 414, Pequonga	Rat Portage		

NIPISSING DISTRICT, NO. 18. (7.)

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. W. H. Burgess, North Bay.

No. 352, Granite	Parry Sound	No. 420, Nipissing	North Bay
" 360, Muskoka	Bracebridge	" 424, Strong	Sundridge
" 366, Unity	Huntsville	" 427, Nickel	Sudbury
" 40A, Golden Rule	Gravenhurst		

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No. 1	22 Lodges
St. Clair	" 2	19 "
London	" 3	27 "
South Huron	" 4	15 "
North Huron	" 5	17 "
Wilson	" 6	21 "
Wellington	" 7	21 "
Hamilton	" 8	21 "
Georgian	" 9	19 "
Niagara	" 10	21 "
Toronto	" 11	38 "
Ontario	" 12	22 "
Prince Edward	" 13	20 "
Frontenac	" 14	13 "
St. Lawrence	" 15	22 "
Ottawa	" 16	17 "
Algoma	" 17	5 "
Nipissing	" 18	7 "
Unattached		1 "
Total		348

EXPULSIONS BY GRAND LODGE.

No. 119—S. D. Williams. 148—Fred. E. P. Aldrich. 343—Murdoch Seth Chapman.

SUSPENSIONS U. M. C., 1892-1893.

No. 75—John Ewen. 121—S. S. Hamill. 155—A. V. R. Young. 271—Wellington Hull. 315—Henry Y. Jennings. 412—N. McNaughton.

SUSPENSIONS FOR N. P. D.

No. 2—C. O. Milloy, G. Plaxter. 3—W. F. Godson. 5—G. R. Hervy. 16—William Bowman, W. H. Adams, Thomas J. Blake, J. T. Edwards, R. Gilray, C.M. Swanson. D. Wilson, H. Wallwin. 18—W. H. Orchard, P. Merrill, W. D. P. Wilson, D. Wilson. 22—John Perkins, John Harrison, Joseph Simpson, H. Lower, D. Bell. 23—Samuel Finley, Thomas J. Leckie, James C. McDonald. 27—os. Hargrove, J. E. Hampson, J. Kinleyside, R. Middlewood, J. C. McPherson. 31—F. F. McArthur, D. Beath, D.B. Fogg, W. McSpadden, L. A. Tale, M. R. Woodhouse. 32—M. C. Straight, T. Braund. 34—C. H. Kemp, R. J. Healy, J. E. Martin, Henry Martin. C—John Adams, H. J. Brend, Wm. McLaren, W. Rogers. 42—S. Cooper, G. England, W. M. Moore, F. C. Rogers, J. J. Gould, J. Burris. 44—James Shaw, D. L. Wright. 50—F. Flagler. 52—

J. Bannerman, R. W. Hepburn, John W. McDonald. 55—A. Burchell, B. Silver, H.C. Cornell. 56—W. E. Pringle. 58—H. B. Billings, H. Johnston, W. E. Loper, W. H. Loux, P. R. Neale, James Ritchie, G. H. Taylor. 61—A. H. Otto, J. C. N. Jenkins, John Campbell. 6—John Cameron, James McNeely. 64—A. H. Hughes, W. T. Gartley, John Clifton, James Thompson, Henry Gibbens, G. W. Nickels. 68—A. Macanlay, H. G. Wood. 6—W. Bradley, W. Vance, James Rosebush. 72—F. Patridge, R. S. Blain, W. Connell, J. W. Middleton, A. Steel, P. Henderson. 75—R. F. Bloomer, A. Hillock, W. S. H. London, J. H. Lowe, Charles Field, Charles Rees. 81—P. Myers, J. Parker, W. H. Smith, George Robinson. 83—R. Chambers, R. Sutherland, J. Black, T. P. Harris, A. Galbraith, J. E. Laylor, W. W. Crossley, M. Prangley. 85—A. Wherry, S. E. Leehy, W. H. Palmer, D. Wiltse. 86—John Kennedy, J. N. Chaperon. 87—A. G. Crosby. 90—A. McTaggart. 93—S. Caldwell, J. J. Bradley, D. Kennedy, D. K. Mitchell, H. A. Macintosh. 98—A. Dixon, C. Noble, D. Morton, D. Munse, J. D. Stevenson, James Wilson (traveller), James Wolf, John W. Wadsworth. 99—J. T. C. Yarker, G. Wood. 107—H. B. Smith. 113—E. H. Long, D. Parney, W. J. Devereaux, C. N. Tichworth. 116—S. E. Ryan. 118—H. Nolan, John Cochran, J. Larkin, T. Jennings. 120—W. A. Doyle, J. McG. Miller, G. W. Moore. 123—G. J. Smith, John Gilbert, George Twining, F. M. Cobb, G. D. Lamont. 126—S. C. Cock, E. Peppard. 129—T. G. Holmes, Geo. Bishop. 131—J. E. Campbell. 133—Wm. Sanders, W. H. Moncur, J. N. Hooper. 141—Wm. Fowler. 146—D. Bird, D. A. Burdette, H. T. Flynn, Wm. Farrell. 14—F. E. P. Aldrich, L. V. Macdougall. 149—Ben. Lade, Wm. Reid, James Soper, T. F. Grey. 151—C. Mogk, R. H. Liddall, George Ellis. 155—P. D. Peace. 156—W. J. Langrill. 157—J. E. C. Marks. 161—L. W. Allingham, H. W. Herchimer. 166—N. A. Johnston. 170—M. Robertson. 176—R. Lockie, W. Menard, J. Turrell, W. Smith. C. Gloin. 178—Wm. Dunn. 180—R. Hunter, James Ritchie, James Alexander, C. G. Little, P. Dudgeon. 181—D. Foster. 184—B. Mallough. 195—Wm. Lind, C. Elliott. 196—Wm. Hodgins, R. Fleming, J. W. Ward. 197—T. W. Rollston. 200—J. C. Carter. 201—Mat. Clark, R. Austin, H. Brownley, Hy. Brown, Alex. Adams, H. Capes. 209—C. H. Collinson, James Downs, S. F. Peters, O. G. Bailey. 216—W. J. Johnston, John F. Ewings, V. C. Crockett. 217—M. Veit. 218—J. R. Saule. 220—G. P. M. Hobson. 221—W. M. Hendershot, W. Cavers, John Stewart, H. Patrick, H. W. Durham, G. Turner, W. Hansel, C. A. Kyle, R. Marsland, W. T. Peterson. 223—S. P. Ford, D. Rose, F. J. Moore, J. Armstrong, J. Harper, E. Williams, J. Mardins, J. T. Cunmyworth. 224—John Walker, J. C. Anderson. 230—J. Y. Turner, W. Maundrill, F. Willmott, W. Reynolds. 231—W. A. Gibson. 235—John Morrison. 242—G. W. White, W. T. Hodge. 243—G. E. Beemer. 245—R. Ward, E. S. Williams, N. Sutherland, Lenord Williams. 247—R. Kidley, R. Fleming, T. Fisher, T. V. Gearing. 249—F. Hammel, C. J. Parker, Robert Mallock. 250—R. Ross, J. Reid, H. Ross, E. White. 253—D. Hay. 254—James A. Liddle, A. Coulthurst. 255—A. Trerin, J. B. Tifton. 256—H. V. Morgan, H. G. Wereley. 26—George Preston, F. D. Ramsay, Thomas Cunningham. 263—Alex. Watt, G. W. Dickey, N. Boyd. 264—T. J. Warwicker. 265—W. R. Bowman, D. Clark, W. T. Brown, E. Bacon, D. Duncan, J. M. Ridler, F. Adams, E. C. Davis. 269—J. W. Cowie, S. G. Pickett, D. Annan. 272—D. C. Shaver, T. Banslaugh, J. P. Ogden. 283—J. S. C. Ostrom, G. S. Stirling, E. Richardson, W. B. Phillips, Wm. M. Ransom, C. R. Ostrom. 284—F. C. Rogers, J. J. Denman, T. Angus, J. Drewe, W. H. Moss, N. Richardson. 292—D. McGillivray, J. Noble. 296—A. W. Kinsman, John E. Carroll, C. Young, A. L. Mitchell. 299—A. Clancy, L. Bell. 300—J. Wonacott. 32—D. A. McAfee, A. J. Clark, John Conley, W. J. Stevens. 303—James Fortune, J. E. Johnston, E. Stuenkel, D. Erwin. 306—H. McKinnon, J. Townsend. 311—J. B. McCullough. 312—D. C. Huntoon. 316—F. S. Alderdice, F. Britton, W. M. Laughton, F. Perry, J. L. Stoddart. 329—E. A. Cameron, W. McLeod, A. Hodgson. 321—John C. Allan. 324—R. B. Skinner, W. H. Robinson, G. Anderson, jr. 325—Wm. Staples, E. Pinder. 326—A. G. W. Fraser, A. J. Turnbull, S. Wilson. 328—Thomas Humble, John King. 329—E. A. Hart, J. Hawthorn. 330—J. T. Marsh, P. Shannon, C. L. Driefir, J. O. Calhoun, W. H. Taylor, H. Stanyer, W. Reynolds. 331—R. Carter, George Johnston. 336—James Stoticker. 338—Walter Misener, R. H. Tisdale. 341—James Graham, John James. 343—D. H. Sprague, A. Gould, R. Sturtridge, W. H. Wood, J. B. Sprague, J. Spalding, S. Johnson, H. Park, J. Willoughby, J. A. Morton, C. Reyner, G. Burrows, W. Stonehouse, J. Chalmers, J. Abbu. 346—J. E. Blacker, Thos. Coffin, R. R. Gormully, T. J. Maughan, McJ. T. Stephens, T. Westlake, F. Everest. 348—J. M. Craigie, Jno. Brown, A. Ferguson, J. Patterson, J. Cowper. 352—L. B. Quebec, W. Spence. 354—V. Haney, D. C. McLean, R. F. Killaley. 357—John Palmer, D. Lambe, E. H. Robson, R. W. Speck, R. B. Smith, W. Docking, A. M. Robson, S. 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W. J. Foster, W. Grumbacher, W. E. Maunder, R. McMillan, A. McA. Taylor, J. H. Lowe, R. W. Boyd. 388—J. P. Stewart, D. O'Neil, W. Russell, F. Dow, H. F. Aylesworth. 391—L. Carpenter, Thomas Lawton, James Vair. 393—B. S. Hammill, John Hetherington. 396—R. Davis, T. H. Laughead. 398—W. H. Decater, W. McInnes, B. Pearson, J. R. Graham, Robert Munro, D. McFadden, A. N. Wismer, J. Kellington. 401—George Evans. 403—J. F. Jackson, H. D. Hinds, J. B. Churchill. 408—R. J. Turner, J. Gordon, W. Munn, W. J. Curran, H. T. Waller, William Joyce, W. Hamilton. 409—H. Gregg, George Clark, William Irving. 410—Thomas Doherty, G. W. Miller, D. A. Thurston, W. C. Price. 412—T. S. Losie, S. T. Bowker, D. R. McPhail, J. A. Dunseith, S. King, N. McNaughton. 413—E. C. Luck, James W. Mills, G. J. Fielder. 414—W. Halstead, W. J. Doyley, C. Carey, M. McKenzie, W. Laing, John Houston, H. L. Grant. 416—W. H. Burris. 418—James A. Crawford, Hugh A. Munroe. 419—James Campbell, John T. McIntosh. 420—John Hill, S. McCormack, James A. Patton, L. W. Hart, James Driver, James H. Hall. 424—D. Annan, John R. Hoover. 425—D. K. Stenton, A. A. Knight.

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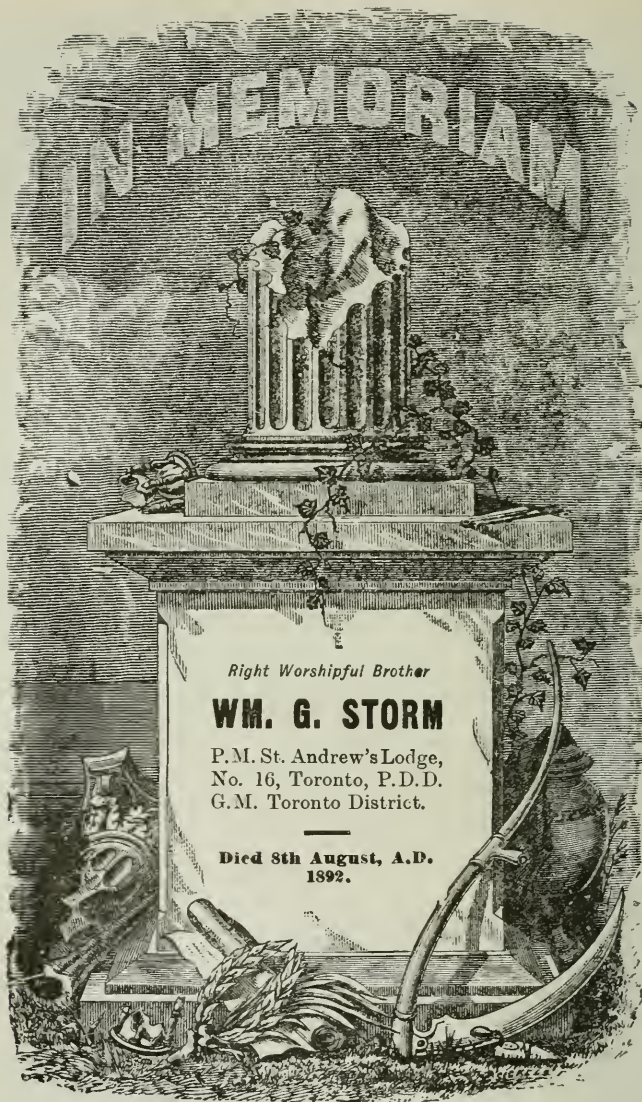
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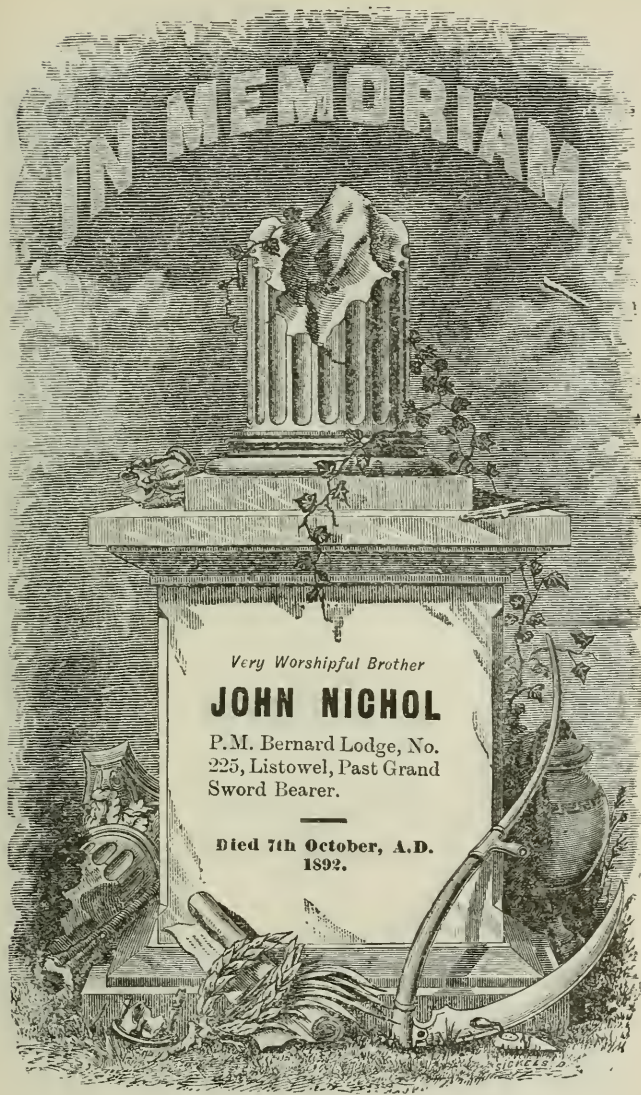
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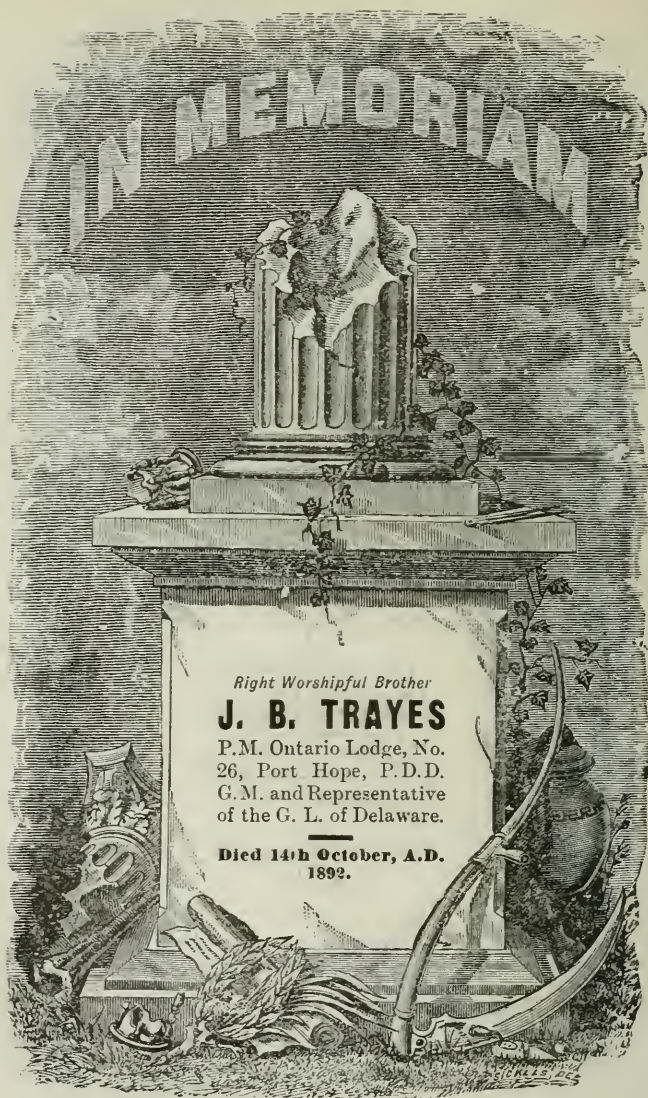
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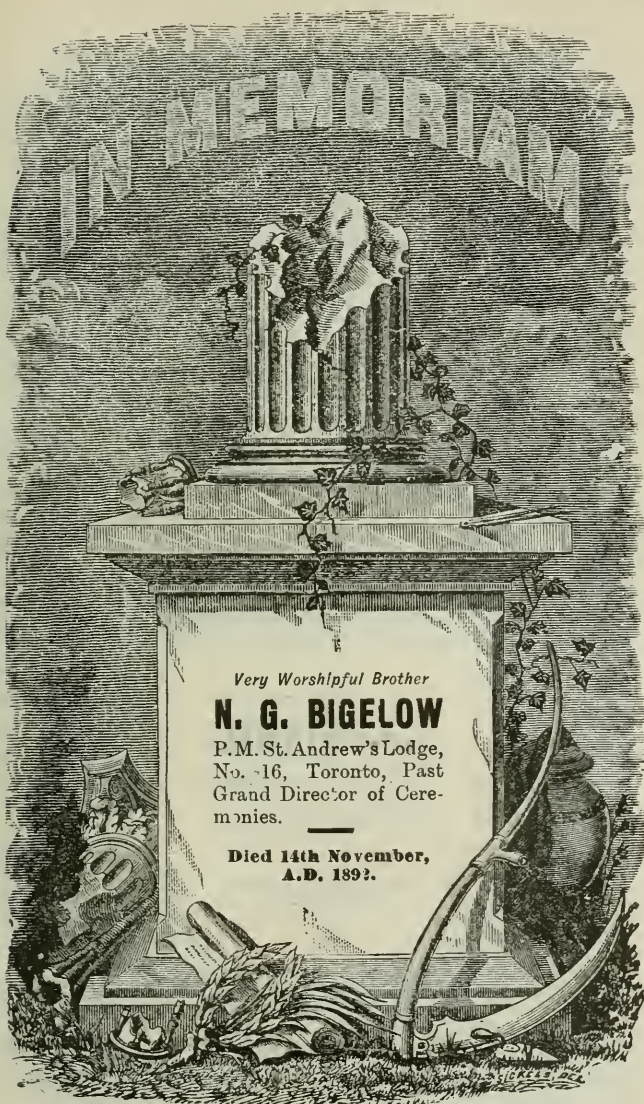
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Lovekin, 6th June, '94. 52—James Fotheringham, 17th April, '93. 53—Otto Klotz, 6th July, '92. 54—Andrew Knox, September, '92. 55—C. B. Lemon, 6th November, '92; W. J. McDougall, 24th December, '92; W. H. Quartus, 6th June, '93; A. C. Johns, 13th June, '93. 56—R. McKen, 6th August, '92; A. R. Paul, 25th November, '92; Thomas Penny, 5th February, '93. 57—Henry Matthew, 22nd July, '92; George S. Bennett, 10th January, '93. 58—J. E. Dunham, 17th December, '92; William McBurney, 7th April, '93. 59—Aaron Nash, 5th June, '93. 60—Alexander Arthurs, 13th September, '92; B. S. McGowan, 1st October, '92; A. McPherson, 11th October, '92; Alexander Johnston, 19th January, '93. 61—John Williams, 12th September, '92; A. Worthington, 7th February, '93. 62—S. Bloucker, 6th July, '92. 63—A. K. Harris, 11th April, '93; Joseph Priestman, September, '92. 64—Alexander Cameron, 11th December, '92. 65—James Connor, 10th April, '93. 66—D. Small, 12th December, '92; R. Miller, 7th January, '93. 67—James Anderson, 10th August, '92; W. Wallace, 31st December, '92; R. A. Ross, 17th April, '93. 68—Wm. R. Phillips, 10th May, '92. 69—Alfred Bennett, 20th June, '93. 70—Charles Burnham, 23rd July, '92. 71—James S. Biggar, 11th May, '93. 72—Elgin Misener, 8th May, '93. 73—D. H. Taylor, 4th April, '93. 74—Thomas Halls, 24th December, '92; John Best, 26th June, '93. 75—Thomas W. Clark, 10th November, '92. 76—A. L. Conse, 16th August, '92; John Notter, 6th December, '92. 77—J. M. Penwarden, January, '92. 78—H. A. Penfold, 30th November, '92; W. B. Benly, 24th April, '93; George J. Kirchner, 1st June, '92. 79—John Wallace, 20th March, '93; John McRae, 15th May, '93. 80—J. W. Brown, 1st October, '92; C. E. Pringle, 20th February, '93. 81—John Munro, 31st January, '93. 82—Geo. Eacrett, 31st January, '93; Joseph Case, 16th June, '93. 83—Hy. Watson, 2nd Aug., '92. 84—Fred. W. Hill, 25th Jan., '93. 85—James Taylor, 10th March, '93. 86—P. R. Shaver, 2nd December, '92; A. Johnston, 11th June, '93. 87—E. C. Hayden, August, '92. 88—B. Williams, 5th September, '92. 89—William Oelschlager, 5th February, '93. 90—S. T. Scott, 4th November, '92. 91—W. W. Deerham, 28th August, '92. 92—F. Brooks, 30th October, '92. 93—Alvin Wiltse, 22nd September, '92. 94—W. B. French, 19th March, '93; George Robertson, 26th May, '93. 95—John Davidson, jr., 4th October, '92. 96—D. McKenzie, 3rd October, '92. 97—Henry Lutz, 3rd April, '92. 98—T. W. Hooker, 2nd November, '92; W. A. Smith, 12th January, '93; L. Boardman, 23rd May, '93. 99—James Hepborn, 1st May, '92. 100—D. Wilson, 1st December, '92. 101—James Motherall, 12th November, '92. 102—J. B. Armstrong, 1st December, '92. 103—Thomas D. Moase, 17th October, '92; C. Corbould, 11th December, '92. 104—Thomas King, 11th October, '92. 105—James Birmingham, 4th November, '92; J. P. Ballantyne, 25th November, '92; R. S. Patterson, 1st December, '92; T. H. Dumble, 10th March, '93. 106—Thomas Biggar, 21st May, '92. 107—F. H. McGillivray, 29th October, '92; John Carrothers, 11th April, '93. 108—John H. Bothwell, 12th November, '92; Joseph Bond, 7th December, '92. 109—Jacob Miller, 12th March, '93. 110—J. Jenkins, 27th November, '92. 111—W. H. Davis, 11th January, '93. 112—Thomas B. Davis, 1st May, '93. 113—James Hortop, 6th September, '92. 114—J. G. Walker, 2nd January, '93. 115—Robert Edgar, 13th September, '92. 116—John Nichol, 7th October, '92; James Curry, 19th May, '93. 117—Peter Ewart, 25th April, '93. 118—John Smillie, 10th May, '93. 119—D. Thompson, 5th November, '92; John Arnold, 9th February, '93. 120—Thomas Gibson, 31st January, '93. 121—William Bradley, 1st May, '93; G. W. Malloch, 20th May, '93. 122—E. Wallace, 15th February, '93. 123—E. Steer, 1st October, '91; G. R. Gordon, May, '91; E. Beachley, '91. 124—Phillip Bajus, 3rd March, '93. 125—Ed. Swift, no date. 126—W. B. Walsh, 21st February, '93. 127—A. Theborge, 13th October, '92. 128—John Black, no date. 129—N. Barnhart, 12th April, '93. 130—Robert Macoun, 17th November, '92; A. M. Shaw, 5th May, '93. 131—I. Roblin, 6th July, '92. 132—F. W. Heather, 2nd December, '92. 133—A. Sinclair, September, '92. 134—William Leckie, 14th January, '93; Alfred Bennett, 18th June, '93. 135—Otto Klotz, 6th July, '92. 136—James Rath, 17th May, '93. 137—W. J. Harris, 21st April, '92. 138—J. F. Kennedy, 1st July, '92; Joseph Booth, 22nd February, '93. 139—William Liersch, 17th April, '93. 140—Archibald A. Muir, 2nd April, '93. 141—H. L. Broughall, 17th July, '92; J. S. Macdonald, 4th June, '93. 142—George Mansfield, 3rd September, '92. 143—Alexander Arthurs, 13th September, '92. 144—Thoma Blackburn, 13th August, '92; A. J. Boyd, 19th February, '93. 145—G. W. Badgerow, 16th July, '92; D. G. Meldrum, 4th April, '93; James McKerr w, 17th

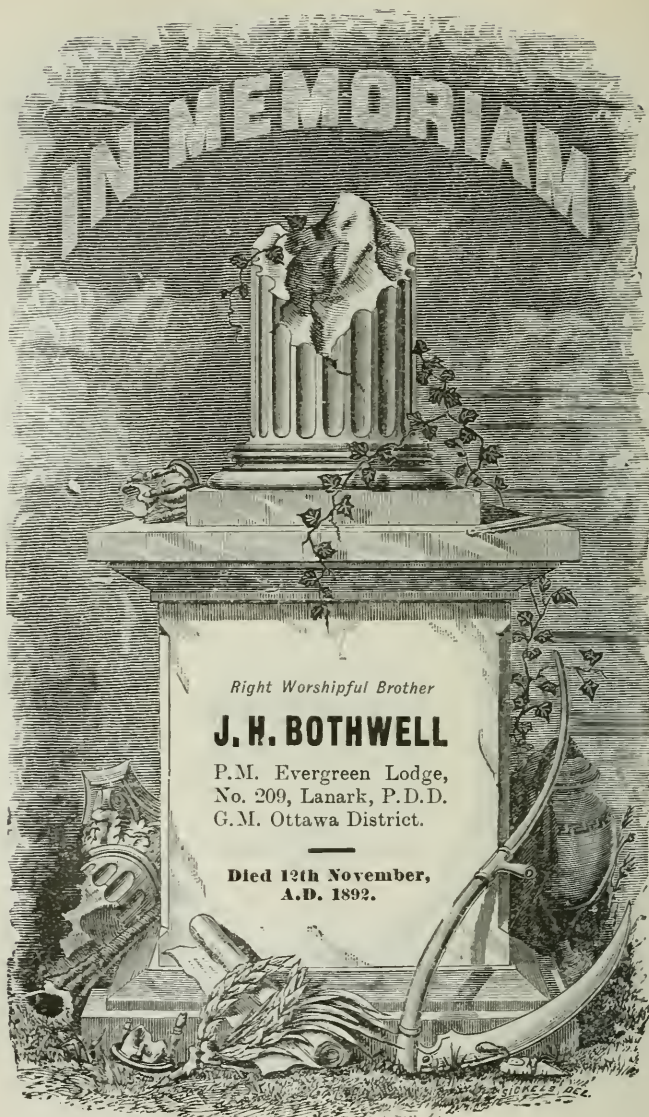
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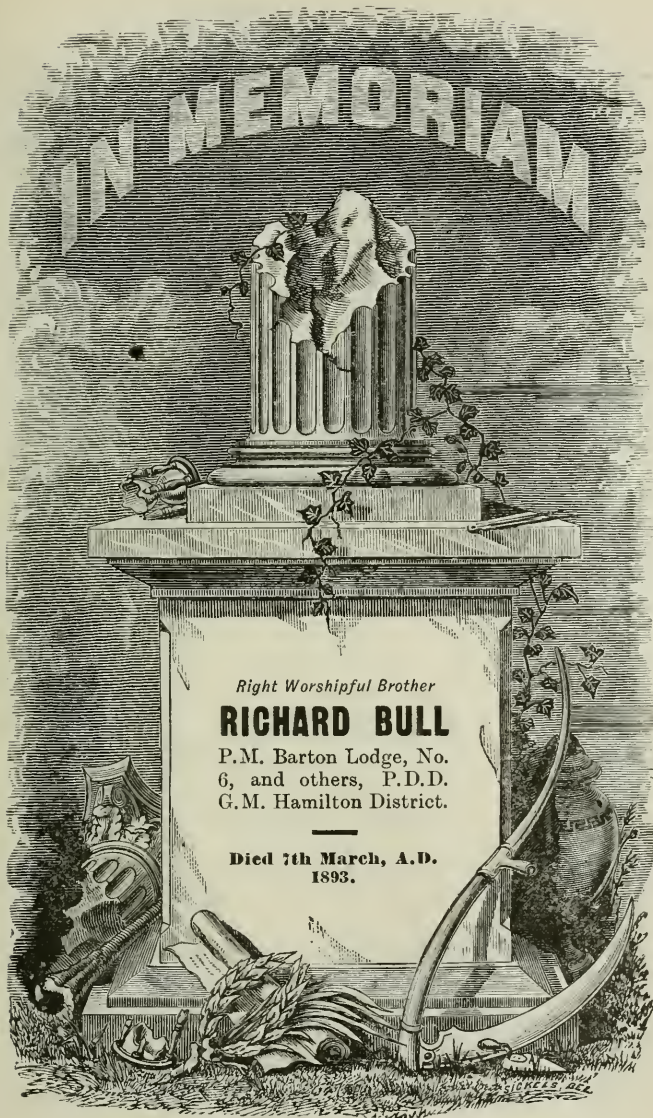


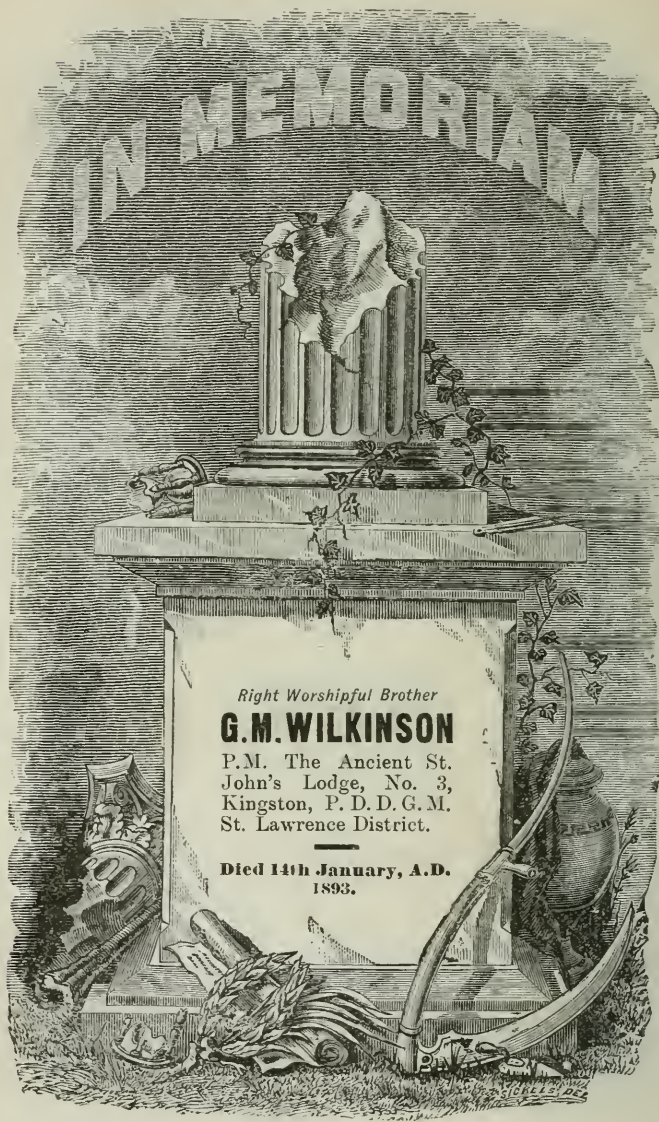


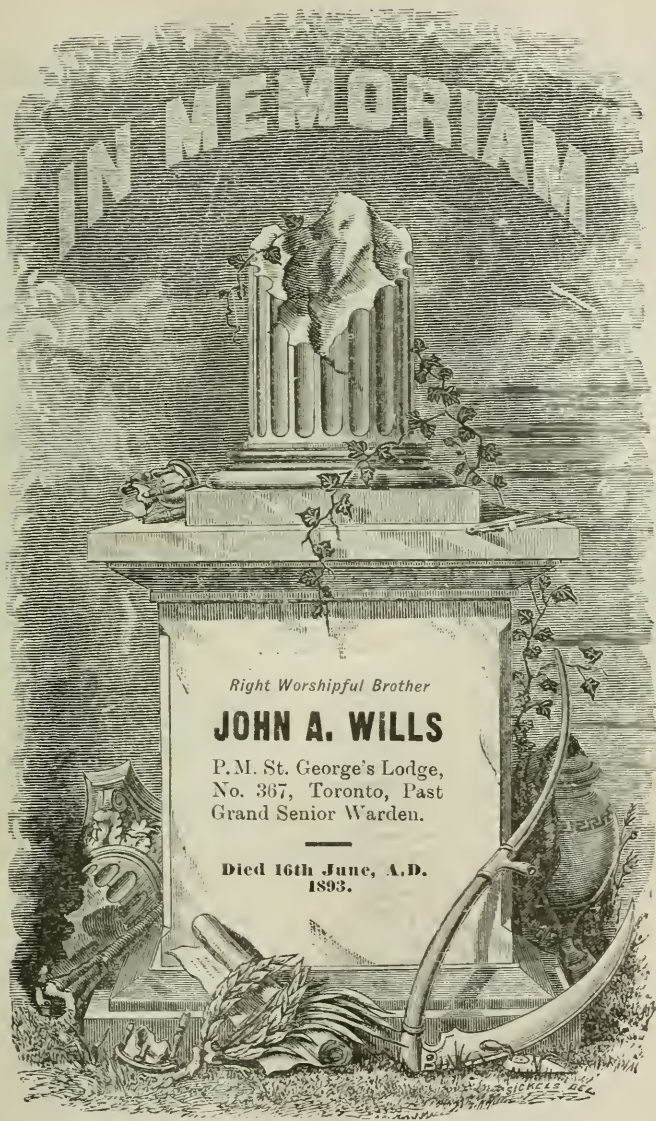












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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1893

Report on Correspondence.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to present their Annual Report, reviewing all the proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have been received during the past year.

They will be noticed in alphabetical order, and a list of those reviewed will be given at the close of the report.

ARIZONA.

11th Communication, Phoenix, November 15th, 1892.

Alexander G. Oliver, G.M.

The Craft has prospered and harmony prevails. A new lodge was formed at Nogales. We copy one paragraph from the address :—

“Lodges in this jurisdiction are often called upon by visiting brethren from a distance for relief, and as the cost of living is far greater here than in Eastern States, we are, therefore, compelled to charge more for dues to bear the burden of relief for the sick than would otherwise be necessary. Hence, looking at Masonry in Arizona from a business standpoint, we receive very few affiliated members, considering the total number who come among us; but, when sickness or distress overcome them, an alarm is made at our outer door for assistance, and we have never turned away a worthy destitute brother.”

The Grand Master was authorized to appoint six delegates to the Fraternal Congress at Chicago.

John M. Ormsby (Tucson), G.M.

George J. Roskrige (Tucson), G.S.

ARKANSAS.

53rd Communication, Little Rock, November 15th, 1892.

C. A. Bridewell, G.M.

This is the “Temple volume,” and contains an account of the imposing ceremonies at the dedication of their new and magnificent Temple at Little Rock.

The Grand Master decided that it was not necessary for a man to become naturalized before an American lodge could entertain a petition to initiate him.

He reports four new lodges.

Bro. A. B. Grace delivered the Oration at the Dedicatory Ceremonies, and we quote one of his eloquent paragraphs :—

“Now, brethren, that we have builded our house and entered into possession of it, after years of weary toil and waiting, let us reflect for a moment upon the causes that led to its construction. What motive was it that caused all this vast expenditure of time, energy, materials and labor? Why should many thousands of men, scattered all over the broad State of Arkansas, and a large proportion of them personally strangers to each other, come together from hill and from dale, from swamp and from mountain side, and unite as one mass with a common impulse and a common design? Is it not indeed a powerful motive that thus impels vast bodies of men to put aside all thoughts of selfish interest and contribute freely their time and money to a common end? Yet we all know what that motive *is* and what it *is not*. We know that it is *not* the gratifi-

cation of any of the baser passions of humanity. It is not to flatter the vanity or pamper the pride of ourselves or of each other. It is because here we inculcate, cherish and foster the godlike virtue—Charity. Here we cultivate that 'one touch of nature which makes the whole world kin.' Here we teach the sublime doctrines of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. It is because we erect here a house in which, while absolutely free from the din and strife of contending political factions, men of every shade of political belief receive a cordial welcome, and achieve a fair share of the honors and rewards that follow faithful and efficient service. It is because our institution, while it inflexibly demands of its votaries a voluntary and unflinching faith in the existence and power of Deity, yet, at the same time, banishes from its doors all the intolerance of bigotry and sectarianism, and offers a haven of peace and rest to men of every faith and order. Professing no political belief of its own, and promulgating no platforms nor candidates for political honors, the institution of Freemasonry teaches the highest political duties of men—patriotism, loyalty and obedience to the laws of the country in which we live. Without creeds or articles of faith, it constantly, and at all seasons, inculcates every principle of morality and virtue embraced and taught in all the religions of the earth. Accepting no man for his wealth, his honors, or his lofty station, it rejects none because of his poverty, or lowly walk in life, if he but comes 'under the tongue of good report.' It is this broad foundation of truth and morality, this universality of design, and this perfect adaptability to all races, creeds and conditions of men, that has given Freemasonry such a deep-rooted hold in the hearts of mankind, and rendered it invincible to the attacks of bigotry and superstition throughout all the long ages of its history."

R. J. Laughlin (Bentonville), G. M.

Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

21st Communication, Nanaimo, June 23, A. D. 1892.

Marcus Wolfe, G. M.

The Grand Master has an important deliverance on the question of vested rights in lodges. We fully agree with the conclusions of Bro. Drummond, as given below :

"All lodges (except Ashlar No. 3) have conformed to the Constitution, in some instances having adopted my suggestion to supply newly-made brethren with the regulation apron, thereby securing a uniformity. Ashlar Lodge denies the right of Grand Lodge to alter their clothing or jewels, claiming an existing right as set forth at the formation of Grand Lodge, and is in the first Constitution, which reads, viz. : 'The jewels and regalia of subordinate Lodges are as follows, it being understood that Lodges in this jurisdiction already supplied in this respect may continue the adoption and use of the same as long as they so desire ;' which clause was carried into the new and subsequently revised Constitution, but eliminated from the latest revised and present Constitution. It would also be appropriate, while discussing this question, to call your attention to the action of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, in appointing instead of electing their Secretary, contrary to the Constitution, which clearly states that he 'shall be an elective officer,' and on my directing their attention to this violation, they claim the same existing right (as in the case of Ashlar Lodge) granted by the first Constitution. Nevertheless, the same argument holds, that it is not in compliance with the law as it at present exists, and which no other Lodge in the Province violates. In my opinion, both Lodges in question are wrong in their contention, and in which I am sustained by two of the ablest Masonic jurists on the American continent. R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, says : 'I agree with you fully that the Grand Lodge has right and is an inherent power to enact its own laws, not only for its government, but for that of its subordinates, and that there is no such thing as vested rights in the common Masonic law, wherefore the Lodge cited has no authority to appoint its Secretary : it must conform to your present law, making that officer an elective one. The same is true in regard to the costumes and jewels. If I need a precedent to sustain me in the views I have set forth, I would only cite you to the case of the old Lodge No. 1, at Hartford, Conn., which set up a claim that it had vested rights, which had been taken from it by the action of the Grand Lodge in regard to the ritual, and that, on account of its rebellion, the Grand Lodge arrested its charter, and declared all its members excluded from the rights and privileges of Masonry. This action of Grand Lodge was sustained by not only all the lodges in the jurisdiction, except the recalcitrant one, but by all of the Grand Lodges in the country.' R. W. Bro. Josiah Drummond, of Maine, says : 'I am very clear as to the correctness of the opinion which I shall give you. When the several Lodges formed your Grand Lodge, a Constitution was adopted which became fundamental law of Freemasonry in your jurisdiction. As I understand it, the power of changing that Constitution at its pleasure was left to the Grand Lodge by such proceedings as were prescribed therein. Such being the fact, all changes made in the Constitution thereafter by the Grand Lodge were absolutely binding upon all the Lodges

and all the Masons, of the obedience of your Grand Lodge, unless there was some provision in the Constitution that certain provisions should never be changed, and I think a promise of that kind is absolutely void and of no effect, but I do not understand there was any such provision in regard to these matters in your jurisdiction. Therefore, I hold that it is beyond question that when the Constitution is amended, every Lodge and every Mason in British Columbia is bound to obey that Constitution. Of course, after saying so much, my answer to both these questions submitted is in the negative. In some jurisdictions, I suppose, it would be held that by dispensation you might excuse, temporarily at least, the Lodges from conforming to that provision of the Constitution, but the jurisdictions in which that would be held are very few. But even in these it would be held beyond question that the Lodges in question have no right to be excepted from the provisions of the Statutes as they stand.

"The questions at issue are not of vital import. I installed the appointed Secretary of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, and Ashlar Lodge still adheres to their old color and jewel, having drawn their attention (in both cases) to the Constitution, and was willing to give them the benefit of any existing doubt until I could lay the matter before you for final action and decision, it being a matter touching our Constitution, and if you adjudge the Lodges in the wrong, it will be a guidance and a precedent for all lodges in the jurisdiction; or if in the right, then all Lodges may exercise the same privilege."

On this matter coming before the Grand Lodge, the following resolution was carried, but the unconstitutionality of the acts remain the same as before:

"That inasmuch as certain rights and privileges were given at the time of formation of this Grand Lodge to Victoria-Columbia and Ashlar Lodges, as to regalia worn by the latter, and the appointment instead of election of Secretary in former, be it therefore resolved,—That these Lodges shall retain the privileges accorded as long as they so desire."

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized, and the application of the Grand Lodge of Hayti was deferred.

A new lodge was opened at New Westminster.

A committee was appointed to take the matter of a uniform ritual into consideration and report at the next annual communication. At present there are three different rituals in use, the English, Canadian and American.

William Downie (Vancouver), G. M.

W. J. Quinlan (Victoria), G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

43rd Communication, San Francisco, October 11th, 1892.

William Johnston, G. M.

Most of the lodges have been diligent in the reception of new and good material, and a spirit of harmony has attended them in their prosperity. Four new lodges were formed. On outside degrees, the Grand Master says:—

"My opinion has frequently been solicited in regard to the advisability of taking so-called 'side, associate' and 'higher' degrees of Masonry, which certain sages were offering to communicate for a stipulated price. In every instance I have answered, unofficially, 'Give degree peddlers a wide berth.' If a brother is aware of the existence of an order which inculcates such principles as will raise men to a higher plane of life, there could be no objection to his seeking admission thereto. Such privileges, however, should be sought after by the participant and not forced upon him; and when a person makes it his business to solicit candidates to whom he can sell degrees—I do not care whether those degrees are considered legitimate or otherwise—my opinion is that he is crossing that boundary line of conduct beyond which no Mason should suffer his interests to betray him."

The Grand Orator, the eloquent Brother Reuben Hedley Lloyd, delivered a most excellent practical address, from which we take the concluding remarks. They contain an admirable epitome of the views expanded in the address:—

"The conclusions I have reached are:—

1.

The true basis for Masonic faith is the building up and establishing a close, friendly relation between the members of the Lodge.

2.

To accomplish this an intimate social communion must be established amongst the members.

3.

To bring the latter event about, the meetings of the Lodges must be made both pleasant and attractive to all the members; and

LASTLY.

None should be admitted but those whose society would be likely to be agreeable to the other members of the Lodge, who of their own volition seek admission, and are naturally inclined to favorably receive Masonic doctrines, desiring membership *alone* because they are ambitious to do their share towards humanizing and elevating their race.

Take these propositions home with you, study them well, and I think you will come to the conclusion that when they are strictly adhered to, you will have full Lodge meetings, and when they are violated, you will open to empty benches."

The proposition to reduce the fee for the degrees from \$50 to \$30 was again brought up, and this time it received 423 votes against 295, still not enough to secure the requisite two-thirds vote to adopt.

It was determined not to send delegates to the Fraternal Congress at Chicago.

On the subject of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mexico, the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted :—

"Relative to the recognition of La Gran Dieta Simbolica de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos.

"Bro. JUAN C. FARBER, of Mazatlan, as Representative of the Grand Symbolic Diet of Mexico, has forwarded to our Grand Secretary the following documents, which have been placed in our hands:—

"1. A proposition from the Grand Diet to enter into a treaty of friendship with this Grand Lodge, of which the principal articles are:—

"*First.* The Grand Diet recognizes the Grand Lodge of California as having sovereign and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in the State of California.

"*Second.* The Grand Lodge of California recognizes the Grand Symbolic Diet of the United States of Mexico as having sovereign and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in the Republic of Mexico.

"2. A letter from Bro. FARBER to our Grand Secretary, stating that he had been appointed by the Grand Diet, with full power to conduct negotiations in its behalf for the treaty, with a copy in Spanish and English of the proposed treaty.

"3. A synopsis of the History of Masonry in Mexico, by Bro. C. H. M. y AGRAMONTE, certified as correct by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Diet.

"4. The Grand Secretary has also placed in our hands the report of Grand Master TYLER, of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in regard to the organization of the Grand Diet, and the negotiations for and conclusion of a like treaty between his Grand Lodge and that Grand Body.

"From Bro. AGRAMONTE's synopsis and Bro. TYLER's report we learn that the Grand Diet was organized in February, 1890, and that it now has under its obedience 17 of the State Grand Lodges and 220 Subordinate Lodges; that it adopted what are called 'General Constitutions,' and adopted a decree or order prohibiting any interference with the Lodges under its obedience by bodies of the so-called higher degrees of the Scottish Rite from the 4th to the 33rd degrees.

"From what we are able to learn from the papers placed in our hands, we are pleased with the plan and purpose of this new Grand Diet, and wish it complete success; but we are not prepared at this time to recommend its recognition or the adoption of the proposed treaty, for the following reasons:—

"1. Bro. FARBER has not exhibited to us his authority to represent the Grand Diet in the proposed negotiations.

"2. The Grand Diet has not sent to this Grand Lodge a copy of the proceedings had at its organization or of the Constitutions adopted by it.

"3. Some years since this Grand Lodge formally recognized the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, and we are not advised that that Grand Lodge has placed itself under the obedience of the Grand Diet, or that it has surrendered its claim to exclusive jurisdiction in that District, nor are we advised how many or what State Grand Lodges have refused to surrender to the Grand Diet, nor what bodies of the so-called higher degrees of the Scottish Rite assume a right to interfere with the proceedings of its constituent Lodges.

"We therefore recommend that action in this matter be deferred till we have received such information as will enable us to act advisedly."

Bro. William H. Edwards reports on correspondence, (132 pages), and well upholds the good reputation of his predecessors. Our pro-

ceedings for 1891 receive a good notice. In his review of Illinois we find the following historical reference :—

"He then mentions what is known as the Coke Manuscript in the archives of the British Museum, Landsdowne Manuscript, dating from the sixteenth century, and a number of other documents all tending to indicate the existence of the society at a very early date. These documents have reference to Masonry as an artificer's guild only, and such it continued to be until late in the sixteenth century. Prior to the year 1424, it was strictly an operative association working privately with closed doors and sedulously guarding the secrets of the trade, and Scotch Masonry so continued long after it ceased in England. At this time, however, occurred a most remarkable circumstance that completely changed the character of the association as well as its future destinies, and to which we owe the fact of our assembly to-day. In the third year of Henry VI. a statute was passed forbidding Masons to assemble as a body of operative workmen or to exercise their handicraft with guarded doors, nor were they permitted to fix the price of their labor. The object of this statute was to break up the guilds by denying them the benefits of combination, but the society continued to exist as a benevolent and fraternal association with its membership confined to workmen actually engaged in operative Masonry. But during the sixteenth century, while it still continued to be a trade society, its benefits and advantages were no longer confined to operative Masons, and workmen in other lines were received until finally the century following, it became purely 'speculative,' and men from every walk of life, including persons of rank, began to seek admission. During this period was engrafted upon it the system of mystical philosophy which has ever since formed one of its distinguishing characteristics, and about this time may properly be fixed the birth of modern Freemasonry as a 'system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.'"

Charles R. Gritman, (Napa), G.M.

George Johnson, (San Francisco), G.S.

COLORADO.

32nd Communication, Denver, Sept. 20th, 1892.

John M. Maxwell, G.M.

The proceedings are brief and local in interest. The following resolution was adopted :—

"Resolved, That the action of Durango Lodge No. 46, in admitting to membership Mr. Robert H. Nevitt, claiming to hold a dimit from Union Concordia Lodge No. 40, of the Republic of Mexico, was, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, without authority, this Grand Lodge not being in fraternal correspondence with any Grand or Subordinate Lodge in Said Republic."

Seven delegates were appointed to attend the Conference in Chicago.

Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf again reports on correspondence. In reply to our remarks of 1891, he says :—

"We will endeavor to explain our meaning more fully, although it seemed to us sufficiently explicit. We advanced the idea that there is a triad of perfections in the Masonic symbolism, as we understand it, namely, physical, intellectual and moral, assigned to the three degrees respectively, in the order named. That is the adjustment as we find it at the present day. If, as Bro. R. contends, there was originally but one degree, to which the others were subsequently added, it does not affect our position, for we maintain that Masonry, whether in one degree or more, contained these essential features, and it is possible a single degree may have been divided into three sections, or parts, corresponding very nearly to what are now known as the three degrees. Nor are we alone in this view. Bro. G. W. Speth, in an article on Degrees, which was published in the *Keystone*, (Philadelphia,) in 1888, says: 'I hold that in 1717, and for centuries before that, two degrees existed in Masonry; that one of these was purely formal and matter of fact, that the second was mystic and speculative; and that the two combined contained all the esoteric knowledge of the present three. Developments and additions have accrued, but nothing of vital importance, nothing absolutely new. Displacements, embellishments and refinements have occurred, but an English craftsman of A. D. 1600, if to-day revived, could prove himself a M. M. to any Brother whose intelligence is not utterly befogged by the ingenuity of our modern ritual-mongers.'"

And in his review of Utah, he gives the following as the latest and most important information on the subject :—

"As Bro. E. H. Hertzveld wrote to Bro. J. G. Findel in 1868: 'A witness, whose honor and competence no one can dispute, has risen from the tomb after more than one hundred years slumber, to testify to some historical facts.'"

"The historians had gone on making history out of whole cloth, and to suit their own conceptions, until a very large number of intelligent Masons had come to believe

their 'fairy tales' as Gospel truth; but Dr. Manningham's letters have let in 'new light,' and proved conclusively, as admitted by Bro. Robert F. Gould, 'That *before 1717 the now existing rituals have been w r k ed.*'

"Dr. Thomas Manningham was Deputy Grand Master of England. On July 12, 1757, he wrote a letter to Bro. Sauer, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Holland, at the Hague, in answer to his inquiries about a variety of Masonry called Scotch Masonry. In this occurs the following paragraph among others equally convincing. We copy *verbatim* :

"These innovations are of very late years, and I believe the brethren will find a difficulty to produce a Mason acquainted with any such forms twenty, nay, ten years. My own father has been a Mason these fifty years and has been at Lodges in Holland, France, and England. He knows none of these ceremonies. Grand Master Payn, who succeeded Sir Christopher Wren, is a stranger to them, as is likewise one old brother of ninety, who I conversed with lately. This brother assures me he was made a Mason in his youth, and has constantly frequented Lodges until rendered incapable by his advanced age and never heard, or knew, any other Ceremonies or Words than those used in general amongst us: such forms were delivered to him and those he has retained. As to Knights of the Sword, Eagle, etc., the knowledge of them never reached his ears until I informed him of them. The only orders that we know are three: Masters, Fellow-Crafts, and Apprentices, and none of them ever arrive at the Honor of Knighthood by Masonry."

"The summing up by Bro. Hertzveld is as follows:—

"1. No higher degrees than the first three belong to Pure and Ancient Freemasonry.

"2. The secrets of the first three degrees were the same before 1717, as after it.

"3. The so-called high degrees were introduced after 1740.

"And now for Bro. Gould's comments:—

"With the sole distinction, that in the third paragraph, for 'after 1740,' should be read 'about 1740,' the axioms laid down by the Deputy Grand Master of 1752-56, are in exact harmony with the discoveries of modern Masonic science. But as many will listen to Dr. Manningham, who would turn a deaf ear to the utterances of even our most advanced students, a pause will be made, while the grounds on which his judgment is based, are inquired into.

"The only Orders we know,' observed the doctor, 'are three: Masters, Fellow Crafts, and Apprentices.' There were no more and no less. 'My own father,' he continues, 'has been a Mason these fifty years.' According to this, Sir Richard Manningham must have been initiated about 1707, three years after Governor Belcher had gone through a similar ordeal, and two years before the remarkable allusion in the *Tattler*, to a 'set of people,' who have their signs and tokens like Freemasons.

"The 'old brother of ninety, who was made a Mason in his youth,' must have been admitted a member of the Society in the last quarter of the seventeenth century.

"The two brethren, whose testimony—as we have seen—was relied upon by Dr. Manningham, may, I think, be regarded without doubt by ourselves, as the witnesses of truth.

"The question, whether the secrets imparted to Masonic candidates in 1757 were the same as those existing at the close of the seventeenth and beginning of the eighteenth century, is such an exceedingly simple one that, in the case before us, the various canons above may be safely reduced to a single one, namely, whether the two witnesses called by Dr. Manningham are to be regarded as 'persons of veracity?'

"If they are *not*, then—and then only—shall we be justified in believing that Sir Richard Manningham and 'the old brother of ninety,' together with the founders and early members of the Grand Lodge of England (1717-1723) looked calmly on while the forms and ceremonies to which they had been accustomed were as suddenly metamorphosed as it has become, to some degree, the fashion to assume.

"It should be recollected, moreover, that in 1717, when the younger Manningham first appears on the Masonic stage, neither Jacob Lamball, Grand Warden, 1717, or George Payne, G. M., 1718, had retired from it. Indeed, he mentions the fact that the latter brother (whose death only occurred on January 3, 1757) had extended to him his confidence with respect to degrees that had been worked in his time.

"We regard the above, Bro. Diehl, as convincing testimony, and so my statement still holds good: There were three degrees, and *there were* giants in those days!"

William D. Wright, (Denver), G.M.

Ed. C. Parmelee, (Denver), G.S.

CONNECTICUT.

105th Communication, New Haven, January 18th, 1893.

Hugh Stirling, G.M.

The lodges are reported in a prosperous condition financially, the ritual correctly rendered and their loyalty unquestioned.

The following report of the Committee on Charters rather enlivened the Grand Lodge :—

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut :

Grand Master and brethren, we are not posing as Martyrs,
In offering the report of the Committee on Charters,
But yet we do think that our brethren and neighbors
Should give us due credit for our arduous labors ;
For we are the men the Grand Master appointed,
Set apart, consecrated, and duly anointed,
To attend to that business ; but he very well knew
There was nothing at all for the Committee to do ;
And we speak but the truth, (for a lie we abhor it,)
When we say that he knew we were just the men for it.
He showed *Stirling* good sense, as one plainly can see,
In selecting Morgan, Bassett, Hart, Rowland and Lee.
Now in order to be sure that no one feel slighted,
We gave out due notice, and all were invited
To come in before us with their prayers and petitions,
And make known in full their wants and conditions.
We repaired to our room and with our feet elevated,
Put on our wise looks and patiently waited.
The odor of ' seed leaf ' our olfactories met,
And the detestable fumes of a vile cigarette ;
The stench of the thing made us all tired
And each one was glad when the nuisance ' was fired.'
For some time we waited, when no one appearing,
We gave him a full and impartial hearing ;
And when he had gone without jar or confusion
Very soon came to an unanimous conclusion.
And it is our opinion, that, according to law,
The petitioner is entitled for leave to withdraw,
And we recommend, after a full deliberation,
Our discharge from its further consideration.
We think we have none of our duties omitted,
All of which is herewith fraternally submitted."

In his review of Canada for 1892, the Grand Secretary has the following remarks on the address of our Grand Master :—

"The address of the Grand Master before the Grand Lodge is very creditable, and manifests that zeal that should ever exist with a presiding officer, to whom the entire body of the fraternity are disposed to look for good example, and that earnestness that speaks with more emphasis, than words of rhetoric and oratorical display.

"The condition of the craft is reported good. And this he is enabled to say from a personal visitation and inspection of many of them. His views are, that Masonic ritual should be rendered in such a spirit as to make impressions that will evolve, and change for the better, in all points. He believes that the mere motion of verbal machinery that turns out words in an aimless and phonographic way, and without a knowledge of the situation, is harmful and not helpful as it should be. He realizes that Freemasonry, as a need of humanity, an adjunct to civilization, and an educator of mankind, has a business as well as a fraternal aspect, and both factors are essential to attain success."

Samuel Bassett, (New Britain), G.M.

Joseph K. Wheeler, (Hartford), G.S.

DELAWARE.

86th Communication, Wilmington, October 5th, 1892.

Nathaniel F. Wilds, G.M.

He mentions the death of their Grand Secretary, William S. Hayes, who filled that office with ability and fidelity for the long period of twenty-four years.

All the lodges report an increase of membership and a better financial and fraternal condition than for many years.

As reported last year, a lodge in Pennsylvania refused to admit as a visitor, a member of a lodge in Delaware, because he belonged to the "Cerneau" Rite, and the Grand Master of Pennsylvania upheld his lodge in such refusal. The matter was then referred to a special com-

mittee who reported this year that they find no cause of action by the Grand Lodge. This report was not adopted, but in lieu thereof the following resolution was passed :—

“*Resolved*, That the right of visitation being a Masonic land mark and therefore inalienable from every Mason in good standing, this Grand Lodge enters its most solemn and earnest protest against the action of the Bristol Lodge, No. 25, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, supported by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in denying the right of visitation to Bro. Francis L. Carpenter, of Oriental Lodge, No. 27, of this Jurisdiction, he being in good standing Masonically.”

Dupont Lodge, a “joint occupant,” not being able to obtain a suitable room, and not being able to build, were permitted to continue as heretofore.

Bro. L. H. Jackson reports on correspondence and has a good notice of Canada for 1891. Bro. Jackson is on the right side in allowing officers to resign, and also in his condemnation of the “robcs.”

John B. Book, (Clayton), G. M.

Benjamin F. Bartram, (Wilmington), G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

82nd Communication, Washington, November 9th, 1892.

Fied. G. Alexander, G.M.

He declined to issue a dispensation to elect a Senior Warden, where the brother who had been re-elected, refused to serve. We think that the interests of the lodge would have been better served if the dispensation had been granted.

He very properly decided that a subordinate lodge could not be incorporated under the civil law. He says that it is against the policy of the Grand Lodges of the United States and the unwritten law and usages of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia for a subordinate lodge to be incorporated.

Bro. Robert Ball presented to the Grand Lodge the press copies of a large number of letters of Grand Master B. B. French on very important Masonic matters, extending as far back as 1851. Bro. French was one of the “giants” of those days, and his correspondence must be very interesting. These letters will be quite an acquisition to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented his twenty-third report on correspondence. It is one of the best of the year. Bro. Singleton is in the front rank as a reviewer. On the subject of a clandestine lodge in Los Angeles, he says :—

“These people have their origin in the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, which was denounced by every Grand Lodge in the United States in 1869 and 1870. From that body the Negro Supreme Councils derive their authority—as that one working in the District of Columbia. Foulhouze was the originator of that Council, and they established lodges of Masons in Louisiana in 1869, and we believe only one is now in existence in New Orleans, composed of Negroes and white men.

“This Foulhouze was the party who regularly instituted the body of the A.A.S.R., called the Supreme Council of the State of New York, with Harry Seymour as one of its officers. He visited France and succeeded in getting the Grand Orient of France to exchange representatives. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, J. J. Crane, was the Grand Representative near the Supreme Council of the State of New York, so declared in the French letter of credence. But the Council of New York, when it published that letter in English, in every case where ‘the State of New York’ appears in French, substituted for it ‘the United States its Territories and dependencies.’ This forgery was exposed in our Masonic journals at the time. Yet that same body of Foulhouze Masons still call their Council the ‘United States, their Territories and dependencies.’”

Canada does not appear to have been received.

On the question of the Grand Masters of antiquity, that is prior to 1717, Bro. Singleton has the following very interesting disquisition :—

"The societies of Masons and Freemasons are seldom mentioned in the history of the Twelve Great Liveried Companies, among the many companies other than these twelve that are very often spoken of in connection with them, but it does most plainly appear that the general features of all were alike, and that the art, craft, or *mystery* of the Masons and Freemasons, and their brotherhood, livery, &c., were like those of the other companies.

"The rank of governors and legislators was attained by *degrees*. The first degree was 'Apprentices of the Craft,' none of which, by the ordinance, were to take wages or work journey-work.* The second degree was *Freemen*, sometimes called *Yeomanry*, sometimes *Bachelors*. They were presented and were admitted to work by journeys or journey-work (day work). They entered into bond not to work with any foreigner or non-Freeman, but with Freemen only of the craft. The third degree was 'Householders.' The fourth degree was the livery or clothing (*i. e.*, such as wore a gown and hood), and this *livery or clothing* it was which were called 'the Fellowship.' The fifth degree was Warden, which office had also two steps; first, Young Warden, second, Second Warden. The third, or Upper Warden, was *Master*.

By the ordinance of 23 Henry VIII, the Past Masters alone were to elect the Master, and the Wardens to be elected by the Past Masters and Past Wardens. All controversies were required to be submitted to, and decided by, the Master and Wardens. No Freeman was allowed to strike, assault, fight, or quarrel with another. An Apprentice could not be made free unless he had 'duly and truly served his whole time'; and, if of the handy trade, until it was shown whether he was 'a sufficient workman or no.' Journeymen were forbidden to make 'unlawful assemblies, brotherhoods, congregations, or flockings together.'

"It is very likely that Sir Christopher Wren was a freeman of the Society or Mystery of Masons.† Elias Ashmole was a fellow of that society, Thomas Wise, 'Master of the Masons' Company,' being present when Ashmole attended at Mason's Hall, in London, and saw five gentlemen admitted into the fellowship, he being the oldest fellow present.

"What were called, in 1721, or earlier, the 'lodges' at London were not organized bodies, but merely convivial 'assemblies, congregations and flockings together' of journeymen at particular taverns. As we have said, there is in the list of 1745 only one lodge, the date of whose constitution is not given. Oliver admits (Revelations of a Square, 5) that before 1717, any number of Masons, not less than ten, met and acted without any other authority than their inherent right. It is true, he says, that the Master and two Wardens had to be present: but, if there were such officers, these were organized bodies; and there is no evidence that, in these meetings of journeymen, there were any such officers. It is not true that, before that time, there had ever been such a thing as a Grand Lodge. Brother Oliver names Sayre, Payn, Lamball, Elliott, Goften, Cordwell, DeNoyer, Vraden, King, Mance, Calvert, Ware, Lumley, and Madden, as the brethren who, with Desaguliers, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge. Among these, he says, were the Masters and Wardens of the four existing lodges. Where he ascertained these persons were present, he does not tell us.

"Dermott said, in the preface of his *Ahiman Rezon*, that Bro. Thomas Grinsell, a man of great veracity (elder brother of the celebrated James Quin, Esq.), informed his lodge, No. 3, in London, 1753, that *eight* persons, whose names were Desaguliers, Goften, King, Calvert, Lumley, Madden, DeNoyer, and Vraden, 'were the geniuses to whom the world is indebted for the memorable invention of modern Masonry.' There were, Dermott said, 'some joyous companions who had passed the degree of a Craft, though very rusty,' and that, no one knowing the Master's part, the deficiency was made up with a new composition.

"The company of Masons, he said, was the thirtieth in London, having a hall in Basins-Street, and about seventy of the livery. Fee of admission, £1, 16s., and livery fee, £5. They were incorporated in 1410, and their arms granted in 1477. These arms and their title modern Masons had usurped. The 'Accepted Masons,' he said, never claimed the title of 'Freemasons of England.' All they assumed was that of Free and Accepted Masons.

"It is pertinent to this subject to note that Bro. Oliver distinctly says (Symbol of Glory, 36) that there were no prescribed lectures prior to 1717; that the earliest authorized lectures were arranged as catechisms by Desaguliers and Anderson as early as 1720, the questions and answers being short and comprehensive. The second, shorter than the first and the third, called the Master's part, containing only seven questions (37). In these the symbolical clothing of a Master Mason was 'skull-cap and jacket yellow, and nether garment blue.' The adepts knew to whom, as Master of the Order, the Master's clothing of 'blue and gold' alludes. The questions were:—Q. Have you seen your Master to-day? A. I have. Q. How was he clothed? A. In a gold jacket and blue breeches.

*Journey, from French *jour* (day); *i. e.*, day work.

†NOTE.—Could doubts if Wren was ever *initiated* into speculative Masonry prior to 1717. See his history, vol. IV, page 254.

"In 1732 (p. 35) Martin Clare arranged the lectures anew and enlarged them. Afterwards Bro. Dunckerly revised them, and, towards the end of the century, Hutchinson and Preston produced a joint lecture, which was used until 1813, and which many lodges continue to prefer to the Hemming or Union lectures.*

"Bro. Oliver admits that there are very cogent reasons for believing that 'primitive Freemasonry' had but one obligation for all the three degrees, and refers to the 'poyntes' required to be sworn to before the year 1500. The 'poyntes,' or 'pointz,' were the clauses of the ordinances of each livery company, and one oath only was required of persons admitted to any of these companies.

"It is somewhat remarkable that, in all the histories of the various Livery Companies or Guilds in England, so very little is said of the Masons, or Freemasons, if what is claimed by Bros. Drummond and Schultz be correct: and that there had been so long a list of Grand Masters. These various histories give us detailed accounts of the Twelve Great Livery Companies, but the Masons' Company is not among them. The Masons', and also Freemasons', Liveries were included among those companies who chose persons to the Common Council. The accounts of these liveries give details of such a character as to make it very remarkable, indeed, if there was such a person as a Grand Master, that, in no instance, is he alluded to in any manner whatever. This is negative evidence, we admit; but, as the advocates of the Grand Mastership will not, because they cannot, give any evidence in the affirmative, and only use conjectures and hypothesis, we are compelled to adduce this negative method. Again, we find this:—

"Stow, after speaking of the incorporation of the Pewterers and Tallow Chandlers, says that the Masons, otherwise termed Freemasons, 'were a society of ancient standing, by means of affable and kind meetings at divers times, and, as a loving brotherhood should use to do, did frequent their mutual assemblies in the time of King Henry IV', in the twelfth year of whose most gracious reign they were incorporated.'

"Wherever these 'Liveries' had distinguished men to become members, their names are mentioned, but in no instance do we find anything said of such persons as belonging to the Masons' guild.

"It is said that 'the Grocers, Company had been dignified by having, as members, five kings, several princes, eight dukes, three earls, and twenty lords,' and the names of most of them are given.

"Of the Merchant Tailors it said:

"They have had in their fraternity upwards of ten kings, three princes, twenty-seven bishops, twenty-six dukes, eighty-one lords, and sixteen lord-mayors. These are reckoned up to 1708. Add Charles I., James II., also Alexander I. of Russia, and Frederick William III. of Prussia. Of the princes were John of Gaunt, the good Duke Humphrey, of Gloucester; the ill-fated Duke of Clarence; Villiers, Duke of Buckingham; Richard, Duke of York, father of Edward IV.; the Duke of Norfolk, of the reign of Richard III.; the unfortunate James, Duke of Monmouth; Monk, Duke of Albermarle; Prince George of Denmark; Arthur, Duke of Wellington; Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland; Second Earl of March; the great Earl of Warwick; the Earls of Nottingham, and many others; a large number of bishops: and the Scroops, Nevils, Plantagenets, Greys, D'Arcys, Fitzwalters, and many other barons, and many most distinguished naval and military officers.'

"Not in a single instance do we find the mention of a Grand Master of any of these guilds, corporations, or companies.

"It now remains for those who say there were Grand Masters, to mention when, where, and who were such, or else forever hold their peace."

We also find room for his erudite remarks on the old rituals:—

"The proofs we would give, as to rituals subsequent to 1717, are that we have *reprints* of actual expositions of the two rituals of 1724 and 1730. But we are obliged to *prove a neg. tice*. We ask Bro. Cunningham to prove that there was any ritual of any degree; to prove that there were any such *things* as degrees prior to 1717. There is too much of these bold and mischievous assertions. They do harm to young and enquiring Masons. We have been since 1841 a firm believer in the symbolic and allegorical system of Masonry; and, as to ritualism being *land-marks*, Bro. Cunningham knows, or should know, that, upon ritualism alone, he could not pass himself as a Mason outside of the United States, and would be *ignominiously* turned away from any lodge in Pennsylvania, if he were to try and pass himself *only* on the ritual of Ohio. Nor could he examine a Mason from Pennsylvania by his own gauge. We know of what we affirm, for we are aware of facts *in re*. This question came up about the Connecticut *fracas* with old Hiram, No. 1, on *due guards*. The United States Grand Lodges are the only ones using them in the world, and Quebec, which only recently adopted them, and they are unknown in Pennsylvania; are they *land-marks*? Let Bro. C. travel into the various jurisdictions as we have—West, North, South, East—and he will see how much *land-mark* there is in ritualism. What makes you a Mason? When you have answered that question you strike an *ancient* *land-mark*—and that cannot be altered—and originally there was but *ONE*. After 1725, or thereabout, another was added, and *when* the

*NOTE.—The Hemming lectures were adopted after 1813 by the United bodies.

third one came in no one knows. As to the antiquity of the first we do not doubt, but the language used *now* is very modern. Those who think it was used in the days of King Solomon, might be asked if the tide ebbed and flowed twice in twenty-four hours in any place known to King Solomon, or in the land of Palestine. There is no tide whatever in the 'Great Sea,' as it was then known.

"The three obligations, as arranged, are systematically symbolical of the method of sacrificing a victim, which we cannot here explain.

"In five minutes' personal interview with any brother, we can, we think, convince him as to the above facts. Moreover, we can convince the brother, and also Bro. Robbins, as to the immediate connection and *sequence* of the R.A., with, and to the third degree, which is not the *master's part* at all, for, in our examinations, we are fully satisfied that the Master's part is the ceremony of installation and investiture to the chair, and is now the present or Past Master's degree, which retains its old form and ceremonies in Pennsylvania, where a Master *cannot* be installed in presence of only Master Masons. As we have said before, some years since, anciently no Mason, however skilled he might be in Masonry, was called a Master Mason until elected to preside over a lodge.

"A Master Mason, as such, should be entitled to every secret and all the mysteries of the Master. Does one now called Master Mason get those? No; he is told of a substitute: what does it mean? *Nonsense*, so far as it is now explained. There is a meaning, when properly given, and it is a *substitute* in full meaning of that which constitutes the true. Here, again, we require 'personal interview to explain what we mean.' Bro. Hill, of Indian Territory, knows what we mean, as to him and Bro. Pike are we indebted for the light thrown on what has always been very obscure to even Hebrew scholars. Bro. Mackey's explanation, which has been generally adopted, is an incorrect translation of *even* his method: the *word*, translated by him, *builder*, is *building*, but even that is not correct, as there is no *word* in the substitute, when the letters are all properly arranged, to make good Hebrew, as they do when so arranged."

L. C. Williamson (Washington), G.M.

William R. Singleton, (Washington), G.S.

FLORIDA.

64th Communication, Jacksonville, Jan. 17th, 1893.

Angus Paterson, G. M.

They now occupy their own beautiful Temple, a large and commodious building, which in all its apartments and designs shows the touch of a master hand. They have sustained a great loss in the death of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Dewitt C. Dawkins, one of the oldest and most faithful Grand Officers. He was Grand Master for five years, and Grand Secretary since 1869.

Ten new lodges were formed.

By one of the decisions of the Grand Master, we find that by their law three members, one being the Master or Warden, can do the business of the lodge.

We copy three other decisions, in which the Grand Master has shown his ability and soundness of judgment:

"April 28—Apalachicola Lodge, No. 76. Question: Whether or not Masons, members of Lodges from Florida and Alabama, in Nicaragua, had any right to visit or affiliate with Lodges in Nicaragua?

"Answer: If the Lodges in Nicaragua hold charters from the Grand Lodge of England, Scotland or Ireland (but not of France), they might be visited. If they have no charters, I would grant a dispensation to form a Lodge, if there were enough members from Florida and Alabama for that purpose, it being open territory. The Grand Lodge of England had Lodges there during the last century, and at the beginning of this, but since 1813 there is no Lodge on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England as being chartered in Nicaragua."

"Question: A good man was rejected by a Lodge in Key West fifteen years ago. Last year he went to Havana for his health. After he had been there six months, the time of residence required by the Grand Lodge of Cuba, he applied to a Lodge there and was initiated. He was afterwards passed and raised in Havana. He now resides in Key West. Can we receive him as a visitor?

"Answer: Yes; and if your Lodge will affiliate him it can do so. He is a regular Mason."

"Question: A man is made a Mason in an irregular or clandestine Lodge in Key West and goes to Cuba, and is accepted there as a regular, then comes back with his papers from a Cuban Lodge. We do not accept him even as a visitor. Can we, as a principle of law, reject, as a visitor or as a candidate for affiliation, such a man?

"Answer: Yes, your Lodge did right; that is, not to admit a per on whom you know to have been initiated in, or one who visits, a clandestine Lodge, whatever be his papers, or without reference to his papers. Have nothing to do, Masonically, with a clandestine-made Mason. We are on friendly relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and recognize its Masons and its diplomas, but if its Lodges undertake to heal the clandestine-made Masons of Key West, such healing will not be recognized in this jurisdiction. If healing is to be done, let it be done here."

Their new Temple was dedicated with imposing ceremonies.

Marcus Endel, (Gainesville), G. M.

Albert J. Russell, (Jacksonville), G. S.

GEORGIA.

106th Communication, Macon, Oct. 25th, 1892.

John S. Davidson, G. M.

The Grand Master says that the general activity in the Craft is a healthy sign, and augurs well for the prosperous condition of Masonic affairs. "Investigation, agitation, discussion, all indicate life and vigor, and judged by such standard, we have reason to be satisfied with the record now made up for examination."

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to M. W. Bro. Samuel D. Irvin, for the labor and talents which he is expending in preparing a History of Freemasonry in Georgia.

Delegates were appointed to the Fraternal Congress.

The following resolution of the Committee on Finance was adopted. As a general rule, a surplus is easily disposed of.—

"Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a committee of one from each Masonic District with the Grand Master as ex-officio Chairman, who shall be charged with the duty of considering what is the best course to pursue in reference to the probable surplus which will come from year to year to the Treasury. The said committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and consider the subject in all its relations to the Subordinate Lodges, as well as its bearing upon the future of Masonry, and make a report of their investigation, with such recommendations as they may reach, to the next Communication of this Grand Lodge. That said committee may, if it deems it desirable, obtain the sense of the Subordinate Lodges upon any part of the subject hereby referred, and report the same with their own conclusions."

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized.

It was ordered that no dispensation to ballot for, or confer either of the three degrees out of time shall be granted in future.

John S. Davidson, (Augusta), G. M.

A. M. Wolihin, (Macon), G. S.

IDAHO.

25th Communication, Boise City, Sept. 13th, 1892.

John Henry Myer, G. M.

The Grand Lodge Proceedings must now be read in all the lodges in Idaho within three months of their receipt, and the Secretaries are required to report this fact to the Grand Secretary forthwith.

The following report, which was adopted, contains very interesting and somewhat startling matter regarding the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Mexico.—

"Your Special Committee to whom was referred the letter of Arthur H. Bray, purporting to be the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, have had the same under consideration. Said letter is not attested by the seal of the Grand Lodge of which the said Arthur H. Bray claims to be Grand Secretary. But even admitting the genuineness of said communication as emanating from the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, we are not prepared to recommend a reversal by this Grand Lodge of its actions at the last annual communication. It was in evidence before this Grand Body at a former communication that what purported to be the secret or esoteric work of Masonry was published in book or pamphlet form, and thus made public. Such pamphlet or publication reached us from what we consider an authoritative source. Under the circumstances, and with such evidence before us, we repudiate any such body issuing such publication as unmasonic,

and not entitled to recognition by this Grand Lodge. We would further recommend that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Master, communicate with the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and learn from them whether or not such publication containing what purports to be the secret or esoteric work of Masonry was published or issued by authority of said United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and report result of such correspondence at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee has also had under consideration the letter dated City of Mexico, April 27th, 1892, addressed to R. W. J. H. Wickersham, Grand Secretary, signed by one wherein he claims to be a Master Mason, for many years a resident of Mexico, and thoroughly acquainted with the status of Masonry there, and containing serious charges against the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, which, if true, should bar said Grand Lodge and its members, and all persons owing allegiance thereto, from recognition by any Grand Lodge or any Mason. Of the truth or falsity of the statements contained in said letter we have no means of judging, but the writer refers to Brother J. D. Vincil, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the state of Missouri.

"While we recognize the fact that the Grand Lodge of the state of California and other Grand Jurisdictions have recognized the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico, we believe that the importance of the subject demands a searching enquiry as to the Masonic standing and character of the said Grand Lodge.

"We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, under the instruction and counsel of the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, open correspondence with Brother J. D. Vincil, of Missouri, and with any other responsible parties they may see fit, and from whom reliable information may be obtained, to learn, if possible, the truth or falsity of the statements contained in said letter, and report such correspondence to this body at its next annual communication."

Bro. Chas. C. Stephenson reports on correspondence. Our proceedings for 1891 receive due attention.

Isaac C. Hatterbaugh, (Moscow), G. M.

James H. Wickersham, (Boise City), G. S.

ILLINOIS.

53rd Communication, Chicago, Oct. 4th, 1892.

Monroe C. Crawford, G. M.

The Copestone of the great Masonic Temple was placed with solemn ceremonies and an imposing parade on November 6th, 1891. Gen. J. C. Smith, P. G. M., presided with his accustomed ability and no less than 2547 members were in the procession.

In his opening remarks, he says:—

"Amidst the splendid civilization of to-day, our fraternity stands pre eminent, sublime, a creation of past ages, yet filled with the life and glory of the present. Old as the earth, yet young, vigorous, and inspiring as springtime, Masonry stands in advance of man, leading the world in its triumphant progress into the magnificent developments awaiting us in the twentieth century.

"There is inspiration in the past. Inspiration in the present. Inspiration in the future. Here we should renew our fealty; return our grateful thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and so fill our hearts anew with the virtues of Freemasonry, that they will shine out in all our lives and the world may see the splendor of the jewels we wear.

"Brethren, the year just closed has been one of great activity among the Masons of our State. I have found the work extremely pleasant, yet constantly increasing, and I wish now to return my heartfelt thanks to the brethren all over Illinois, who have so ably and faithfully assisted me, as without their kind and cordial co-operation the work could not have been done."

He also has the following reference to our bereavements,—

"The brethren of the Grand Lodge will remember the introduction to this Grand Lodge at our last annual communication of Right Worshipful Brother David McLennan, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada and the representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Canada; also Right Worshipful Brother Mitchell, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Canada. And you will remember the beautiful words of Right Worshipful Brother McLennan in response to the welcome accorded to them by this Grand Lodge. I am pained to tell you that the Grand Lodge of Canada mourns the death of both of these noble brothers."

Eleven new lodges were formed.

Five Schools of Instruction were held, all of which were attended by the Grand Master, who says that their influence for good has been felt in all parts of the jurisdiction.

The increase in membership has been greater than in any previous year, the grand total is now 46,021.

The following report of Bro. Joseph Robbins against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Italy was adopted :—

"The question of recognizing this body was before this Grand Lodge at the communication of 1889, and recognition was declined for the reason that it was not an independent body, being one of the constituents of a grand orient evolved by the so-called Rite of Memphis and Misraïm, which grand orient issued the charters of the lodges nominally subordinate to the Grand Lodge. The request for recognition is now renewed and is accompanied by a letter from Bro. Albert Pike, since deceased, vouching for their regularity as Masons.

"In re-examining the grounds on which the action of this Grand Lodge was based, this committee acknowledges its indebtedness to the committee on jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of New York, who give the substantial facts disclosed by their translation of the papers, and publish also verbatim, so much of the translation of the constitution of the grand orient as bears upon the independence of the so-called "Grand Lodge of Italy."

"Your committee finds itself agreeing with the statement that the papers presented, and the translation referred to, contain nothing to change its opinion as reported when this question was under consideration a previous year, and upon which the Grand Lodges of Illinois and New York independently of each other reached the same conclusion. The New York committee cite the sections of the constitution of the grand orient, embodying in the facts outlined to the Grand Lodge of Illinois by this committee in 1889.

"We find that the grand orient is composed of a 'supreme council of the 33' of the Scottish Rite, and the Symbolic Grand Lodge for the Symbolic Rite,' and Sec. 12 of their general constitution declares that 'Masonic sovereignty lies with the Masonic people as a whole, and is exerted for the government of the first three degrees by the ordinary or extraordinary legislative or constitutive assemblies composed of the representatives of all the lodges of *both rites*, active and regularly working.' Section 17 provides that 'charters for the lodges of both rites are granted exclusively by the grand orient.'

"This," the committee further says, 'fully confirms the opinion of your committee as expressed last year, that this grand orient is a conglomerate body, composed of a 'supreme council of 33' of the A. and A. S. Rite and the Symbolic Grand Lodge of the Symbolic Rite,' and is the governing body of lodges of the first three degrees in *either or both rites*.

"The hybrid character of the governing body thus disclosed, and utter lack of independence of a so-called Grand Lodge, emasculate to the degree that it cannot even issue in its name, charters for its alleged offspring, makes it unnecessary to discuss the congenital disability of the lodges themselves in order to arrive at the conclusion that the so-called Grand Lodge of Italy is not a body that can be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Illinois."

It was decided that a blank ballot is not a ballot or a vote, and it should not be counted as such, or have any effect upon the result of an election.

A strong committee was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the Fraternal Congress at Chicago in August, 1893.

It was our good fortune to be present at this session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and we take this opportunity of fully acknowledging the great kindness and courtesy with which we were received. The very pleasant evening which we spent with the Committee on Jurisprudence will long be remembered.

The Report on Correspondence (287 pages), is again by Bro. Joseph Robbins, who reviews in a most masterly manner the proceedings of 55 American Grand Lodges, four of the Australian group and the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We quote the following paragraphs from his introductory remarks :

"In looking over the field of the year's work, what has seemed to us the most impressive thing encountered is the growing magnitude—or perhaps it is the growing realization of the magnitude—of the revelation from Australia. Prior to the formation of independent grand lodges there, few if any of us had any conception of the progress of Masonry in the Southern Seas. We did not have the proceedings of their provincial or district grand lodges, and knew substantially nothing of their statistics. When the infectious movement for independence came, and one grand lodge after another came before the world, with their hundreds of lodges, finely appointed apartments and systematic

charities, their proceedings reflecting the work of able and cultivated men of high character, then we began to realize that the Fraternity had borne its part in the up-building of the various Australasian commonwealths. And now, after a few years of existence as independent and sovereign bodies, as we note their mutual helpfulness and the increasing closeness of their fraternal intercourse, we see more clearly, probably than they themselves feel, the large part they are bearing in the moulding of those commonwealths into a union that will ultimately constitute a great nation of free, strong, self-reliant English-speaking people, of whose place among the powers of the earth we have some hint in the fact that though they are still in their swaddling clothes they are giving their grown-up sisters lessons in the elementary grades of self-government.

"In the cis-Atlantic field the constant reader will find in these pages many questions cropping out which wear a familiar face, yet very probably the lineaments will not be quite the same, and to the new reader they will be quite unfamiliar. If to any these ever-recurring questions seem stale, the reflection that if the reviewer, to whom they probably seem more stale, can stand it, they ought also to be able to endure the infliction when they remember that the very frequency of their outcropping proves that they are the practical questions—the snags which every new bark, or old bark with new pilot, is sure to strike.

"Of the larger questions, that of Masonic homes and asylums still holds a place, but a less prominent one than a few years ago. In 1890 we felt warranted in saying that the trend of opinion seemed unmistakably towards the conclusion that only in the larger jurisdictions—if either their benefits or maintenance were to be bounded by jurisdictional lines—could such institutions be considered an economical method of Masonic benevolence. In the two years that have elapsed since that was written, opinion has rapidly crystallized about the conclusion which then seemed in sight, and the strong tendency now, so far as grand lodge charities are concerned, is to the creation of charity funds with which to supplement the benevolence of the lodges and of individuals. notably in those cases where the necessity for long-continued aid becomes a burden which the local Fraternity cannot well bear. One of the considerations which, apart from the conviction of the poor economy of the asylum method in smaller jurisdictions, has been most potent in turning the brethren towards the charity fund method, is a recognition of the impolicy of establishing a pauper class—using that word in its gentlest sense—whom all the world shall recognize as being supported by charity. With an expensive home or asylum, whose maintenance taxes all the energies of the Fraternity, there is nothing left to be devoted to those cases where only slight assistance is needed to tide over a temporary pinch and put the unfortunates in a way to help themselves. The inelastic system makes no provision for this class, nearly self-supporting, without putting them in to swell the ranks of those who are wholly unsupported, while the elastic charity fund system adapts itself to the wants of either."

On the subject of combining business and insurance with Masonry, Bro. Robbins has the following, with which we are in hearty accord :

"Our remarks were made under the impression that the association was wholly a private enterprise, but we find from the recorded remarks of the Grand Secretary that it was created by the Grand Lodge and is fostered by it. This is worse, because as the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge pertains only to Masonry, whatever that body stands sponsor for is supposed by the world to be Masonry. But Masonry is a fellowship, not an investment; and whoever tacks an investment system on to Masonry is doing his best—unconsciously though it be—to revolutionize the Institution in the direction in which its greatest danger lies. Individuals get up 'Masonic' insurance associations for the same reason that they get up those not so labelled—to make money, and for some reason they have been permitted to trade on the Masonic name unhindered by the Fraternity, which still requires every candidate for its privileges to declare that in seeking them he is uninfluenced by mercenary motives. When Grand Lodges get up such enterprises it cannot be for profit, but must be because it is thought best to put Masonry in competition with the numberless modern orders organized upon the basis of a *quid pro quo*. This is a confession that it is impossible or undesirable that a true fraternity should exist, a repudiation of the immemorial disclaimer of mercenary motives, an innovation in the body of Masonry than which—when its logical end shall have been reached—no greater can be conceived."

Canada for 1891 receives a full share of his attention. He criticizes some of the decisions of Grand Master Robertson. As to rank obtained in a foreign jurisdiction, Bro. Robbins thinks that all the acts of a recognized Grand Lodge are entitled to full faith and credit, and if by service therein a brother earns the title of Right Worshipful, it should be recognized as a valid title by all bodies according such recognition. On the use of the robes he has the following. The name of the lodge referred to is "Pythagoras."

"The Grand Lodge concurred in the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence that the use of robes be left to the discretion of each individual Lodge. We

note this as the first instance in which a Grand Lodge, so far as we have noticed, passed on this subject. We regret that the committee said nothing to indicate whether there was any archaeological significance in the name of the Lodge whence the question came, as connected with the subject; but as some theories in Masonry have had long lives on less evidence than such a possibility, we suggest to the North Carolina committee—never yet formally discharged, we believe—the propriety of enquiring whether the present reign of tinsel, supposed by most to be a novelty, is not really a renaissance, and that the really characteristic feature of the lectures of ‘our ancient and illustrious brother,’ Pythagoras,’ was the fact of their being delivered in circus dress.”

Munroe C. Crawford, (Jonesboro,) G. M.

Loyal L. Munn, (Freeport), G. S.

INDIANA.

71st Communication, Indianapolis, May 24th, 1892.

Nicholas R. Ruckle, G.M.

There has been a general growth in every substantial and essential particular, in numbers, in financial strength and in Masonic spirit. The Grand Master records the death of their Senior Past Grand Master, William Hacker, at the age of 81, who was Grand Master over 30 years ago. He was a man of great ability and thorough devotion to the Craft, and his personality has impressed itself upon the Fraternity more strongly than that of any of his compeers.

The Grand Master strictly enforced the rule against joint occupancy:—

“Akron Lodge No. 538, on the 29th of July, 1891, requested permission to meet in rooms occupied by associations not Masonic, stating that the Lodge must dissolve unless its expenses could in this way be reduced. The application was refused. It is better that a weak Lodge surrender its charter, than continue to live by violation of the law.

“On February 1st, 1892, I received a letter from the Secretary of Waynetown Lodge No. 302, asking my opinion on the propriety of throwing open the doors of the Lodgeroom for a public lecture by the Knights of Pythias, alleging as one of the reasons, that, ‘by laying aside some of the apparent selfishness of Masonry, that our Order will be materially benefited.’

“In reply, the Secretary was directed to Section 92 of the General Regulations, which forbids the use of the Lodgeroom for any purpose whatever, except for its legitimate Masonic purposes, under penalty of forfeiture of charter.”

One of these lodges issued a circular to the other lodges asking signatures to a petition to Grand Lodge for a repeal of that regulation. On this being brought to the notice of the Grand Master, he ordered that all such circulars should be recalled. This was done, but in the meantime, the petition had received some signatures. It was duly presented to the Grand Lodge and was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported that the petition and the signatures thereto were obtained in violation of Masonic law, and that the same could not therefore be considered. We do not understand by this deliverance that the right of petition is denied. If it were so, it would, in our opinion, be a grievous mistake. The action appears to have been in condemnation of a practice which had grown up in that jurisdiction of attempting to forestall the judgment of the Grand Lodge by the exercise of undue influence in issuing these circulars prior to the meeting.

A proposal to reduce the fee for initiation was lost.

Delegates were appointed to the Fraternal Congress.

Bro. Thomas B. Long reports on correspondence (192 pages), and has a good notice of Canada for 1891.

Sidney W. Douglas, (Evansville), G.M.

William H. Smythe, (Indianapolis), G.S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

18th Communication, Tahlequah, August 16th, 1892.

Leo. E. Bennett, G.M.

All their six Past Grand Masters were present.

The Craft has been greatly favored and prospered during the year. Ten new lodges were formed.

The Grand Master decided that the laying of corner-stones was a ceremony peculiarly within the province of the Grand Master, and that constituent lodges have no authority of themselves to conduct such service. The Committee on Law and Usage recommended that the words "Grand Lodge" should be used instead of "Grand Master." Both parties defended their respective positions with able arguments, but the Grand Lodge decided that the Grand Master was right. We think that they were both right. It is undoubtedly the prerogative of the Grand Master to lay corner-stones, but he never does it without calling on the Grand Lodge to assist him. We do not see how he could very well perform the ceremony all alone.

The time of meeting was changed from August to February.

Initial steps were ordered to be taken for the formation of a Grand Lodge for Oklahoma.

Delegates were appointed to the Fraternal Congress at Chicago, but without power to legislate and at their own expense.

The educational expenses of 34 orphan children have been paid by the lodges.

Under the heading of "Jewels for our Daughter," appears the following:—

"Most girls learn to like jewellery quite early in life, and many parents take pleasure in indulging this disposition by presenting their daughters, especially as they approach womanhood, with beautiful and often costly jewellery. But it is not often the case that the fondest and most indulgent mother will provide jewels for her daughter while yet unborn. Yet this is exactly what Grand Lodge did in unanimously voting on motion of Bro. R. W. Hill, a set of Grand Lodge jewels to her Oklahoma daughter when the little lady shall have made her appearance in the Masonic world."

Canada for 1891 receives a good notice.

1893.

19th Communication, Ardmore, February 7th, 1893.

Leo. E. Bennett, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master is principally taken up with an account of the organization of the new Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. He presided at the Convention. Three new lodges were formed in the six months since their last meeting.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized.

The time of meeting was changed back to August again.

The Jewels for Oklahoma cost \$175.

Owing to the illness of Bro. Joseph S. Murrow, the report on correspondence is written by Bro Robert W. Hill. In his review of Oklahoma, he says:—

"As to the question of power to organize this Grand Lodge we have discussed it elsewhere, but in justice to the views of some of the brethren in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, it is only fair to say that the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory would have preferred to retain jurisdiction over Oklahoma. Many of the oldest, wisest and most faithful brethren looked upon the movement with misgivings, feeling that in a time of such political uncertainty it would be better to defer action of this kind. The present outlook for the speedy union in one State of the divided Territories shows that these brethren were right, and that it would have been wise to wait the outcome of pending legislation. And yet, with this feeling as to the wisdom of the movement, these brethren, for the sake of harmony, and in token of good will to the Oklahoma brethren, did not oppose the organization. They said: 'If all the Oklahoma Lodges want a separate Jurisdiction we will not stand in the way.' This explanation is due to them and is made after the organization has been accomplished, so that the motives of the brethren may not be called in question."

Andrew Hardy, (Ardmore), G.M.

Joseph S. Murrow, (Atoka), G.S.

IOWA.

49th Communication, Dubuque, June 7th, 1892.

Ralph G. Phelps, G.M.

They have had a large increase in membership, six new lodges and only one case of discipline. The Grand Master arrested the charter of a lodge for neglecting to comply with the regulation of the Grand Lodge forbidding incorporation. After some correspondence, the lodge cancelled their articles of incorporation, and their charter was restored.

Under the fostering care of Bro. Parvin, their library has obtained a world-wide reputation. An extract from his report will give an idea of the treasures it contains :—

"Fourth Class.—Of which the Iowa Masonic Library is a conspicuous representative, contains all of the publications of the three classes named, and in addition to the current Masonic periodicals, all of the old Masonic periodicals published in all countries prior to the year 1844. Also the proceedings of all other Grand Masonic bodies *of the world*, including those of the negro Masons and of the clandestine Masons of the various grades and rites that have existed in the past or now exist ; together with Masonic works of old or later dates, works upon kindred or allied subjects to Masonry, as Mythology, Worship, Religion, Numismatics, Masonic Medals, Chivalry, Crusades, Archaeology, etc., etc., together with all publications issued by the anti-Masons and their associations in their warfare upon Masonry and secret societies. * * *

"The distinguishing and valuable feature of the Iowa Masonic Library may be said to consist in its *universality*. It embraces all classes of Masonic publications in Europe and America, North and South, together with the other continents, and the isles of the sea, both for and against Masonry."

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence, and has a good notice of our Proceedings for 1891.

Ralph G. Phelps (Atlantic), G.M.

Theodore S. Parvin, (Cedar Rapids), G. S.

KANSAS.

37th Communication, Hutchinson, Feb. 15th, 1893.

The Grand Master visited about fifty lodges. He says that their work is the original "Webb" work. He and the Custodian carefully platted all the floor movements with accompanying explanatory notes. Seven new lodges were formed.

The following report on their work was adopted :—

"Your committee have had the matter of the correct work, as suggested in the M. W. Grand Master's address, under consideration. In contemplation of the law, the Board of Custodians are supposed to have and retain the correct work, and are authorised and required to disseminate the same. As the M. W. Grand Master has felt himself prepared to say to the Grand Lodge that 'the work held and being disseminated by the Custodians is the work specified in the Constitution,' your committee have come to the conclusion that there is no well-founded cause of complaint in that direction, and do not feel justified in recommending any material change in the manner of disseminating the work.

"So far as the floor movements and plats are concerned, we approve of the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, and recommend that it be adopted."

The Rev. Bro. J. W. Wright, Grand Orator, delivered an eloquent address on "Masonry, its Tenets and Ministry," from which we make one extract :—

"From out the hearts of those old Aryan and Persian philosophers something strangely like Masonry was born. We know not the names of those who laid its chief corner-stone, or cemented its broad and deep foundation walls. But some inquiring spirit endowed with the first gleams of philosophy and poetic fancy ; some spirit far removed from us, yet brother to us ; some spirit, long since departed to that deathless state to which we haste, made an humble beginning, and handed the working tools to others. Thus from time immemorial have they wrought, and we have entered into their labors. Our mystic temple took on more tangible shape as timid workmen builded the temple of God midst the glory of Solomon's days. Thoughts and things of great value and import come to perfection slowly. They do not spring up in a day from some royal decree or mandate. Masonry's beginning was humble ; its evolution primitive ; its maturity and growth slow. From the hearts of those ancient brethren

and burden-bearers who first saw the gladdening light, Masonry went forth to bless the world with light, truth and love. Toiling under the shadow of that noble structure—their temple—the transition was easy from ashlar rough to ashlar smooth; from Burden Bearers to Apprentices; from Layers of Stone to Fellow Crafts; from Superintendents to Masters; from Royal Overseers to Grand Masters, and from level, plumb, square, compasses and gauge to the beautiful uses to which we symbolically assign them. In the Apprentices we see an infant race; crude children of Nature they are; blind, but willing to be led and taught. In the Fellow Craft we see the race feverish for knowledge and light, and groping for a stairway that may lead to still more wonderful unfoldings. In the Master Mason we see the race face to face with the awful demands of integrity the certainty of a future spirit state, and the dread problem of duty and immortality. The Entered Apprentice sees only the cold grey walls of the temple; the Master comes to know the hidden and spiritual meaning of the temple by communing with its builder, the Supreme Architect."

Subscriptions to a proposed Masonic Home were promised to the amount of \$15,000, and a plan was adopted for the organization of a Board of Directors to carry out the scheme. The Grand Lodge then voted \$4,000 to this object, and also ordered a special assessment of one dollar per member annually for five years for the benefit of the Home. The locations and all other details were left to the Board of Directors.

Three delegates were appointed to attend the Congress at Chicago at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence feel constrained to say that no further declaration shall be made upon the subject of the Past Master's degree.

The Grand Secretary has an excellent report on correspondence. On rotation in office he says:

"We are not prepared to endorse entirely the views so ably expressed by the Grand Master, touching the question of rotation in office. We have never looked upon such a precedent with favor, for the reason it seemed to be fraught with more evil than good consequences. The simple fact that a brother has served as a Warden is not, according to our views, sufficient reason to entitle him to advancement. During our thirty years' of official life in our Masonic Institution, we have known more than one brother who served fairly well in that capacity, but, unfortunately, when he was advanced to the East, he proved an utter failure. He lacked the requisite qualification of a presiding officer, and was unable to confer the degrees in a manner creditable to himself. We do not believe it is safe to advance any brother from an inferior office to a higher grade unless he has proved by his industry and zeal for the Institution that he possesses the necessary qualifications to preside over the Sons of Light.

"It may be possible that we have placed the standard too high; we think not. Give us such Masters, and success is assured. There will be no occasion for Tylers to get out and drum up enough to make a lawful quorum to open the Lodge for the transaction of business. The evil effects of having incompetent officers is felt in all branches of Masonry, and no observing brother will deny it; therefore let us see to it that none but the very best material in the Lodge is started on the way. As the Grand Master says: 'Start with a good Junior Warden, and if he does not prove to be the right sort of material, drop him and try another, and so on.'"

Canada for 1892 receives special mention. He says that our Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson, is in the front rank of Masonic workers, and his record is one of which any Grand Master might feel proud. On the Past Master's degree, Bro. Brown says:

"He says: 'We regret to find that our brother is concerned about the Past Master's Degree.' Well, Brother Drummond, we are not losing any sleep or racking our brain over this so-called degree, as we never thought there was enough in it to warrant the expenditure of either time or money. It possibly may be good for what Brother Drummond suggests—pleases the boys. When we hear the word 'ceremony' used in connection with the Past Master's Degree, we recall a little speech made once in conferring the 'degree' by our lamented Past Grand Master Rees, which caused a general smile. It is not conferred in Kansas to any alarming extent, and we shall continue to heap coals of fire on its head until it becomes extinct for want of enough interest to keep it alive."

William D. Thompson (Minneapolis), G. M.

John H. Brown (Kansas City), G. S.

Bro. Brown was absent from the session through illness, and he was re-elected in his absence.

Since these proceedings were received, we have been deeply grieved to learn of the death of Bro. John H. Brown. He was a man of the most genial and kindly disposition, and a Mason of acknowledged ability and erudition. It was our good fortune to have had his personal acquaintance, and we tender to our brothers in Kansas our deep sympathy in the loss they have sustained.

KENTUCKY.

93rd communication, Louisville, Oct. 18, 1892.

James A. McKenzie, G.M.

On the state of the Craft he says :

"I am pleased to announce that Masonry in this jurisdiction is fairly prosperous, and that nothing has occurred during the year just closing to mar the peace and harmony of the Craft. During my term of office I have received but few complaints, and not a single appeal.

"I have not arrested a charter or suspended a Lodge officer during my term of service. My Masonic correspondence has been large, and I have found my duties to be numerous and weighty, but in the discharge of the functions of my office I have been met in such a loyal and fraternal spirit by Craftsmen throughout the jurisdiction that so far as I know or believe, no rankling wounds have been left, and peace and harmony everywhere prevail."

The Grand Master decided that no part of the revenues of the Grand Lodge should be derived from lotteries, and he instructed the Grand Treasurer not to receive any funds in the way of dividends on the lottery stock in which the Grand Lodge is interested.

The doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction" is not held in Kentucky.

The Masonic Home is now on a sound and enduring financial basis. A proposition to increase the assessment for the benefit of the Home from fifty cents to one dollar was submitted to the lodges and was carried by a large majority. This entitles each affiliated Mason in the jurisdiction to receive the *Masonic Home Journal*, free of cost.

The following report, which was adopted, seems to be well adapted to secure an almost absolute uniformity in the work :—

"1. That the work and lectures agreed upon by the commission be declared to be the only authorized work and lectures of this jurisdiction.

"2. That after the year 1897 no other work and lectures shall be used in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"3. That the present commission and their successors shall be known as 'The College of Custodians of the Work.' Provided, that in 1893 the personnel of the college may be changed at the discretion of the Grand Lodge; but, to insure uniformity, after that the members shall hold their positions during good behavior. A College of Custodians changeable at short intervals would be nearly worthless.

"4. Vacancies in the College of Custodians shall be filled by nomination of the Grand Master and election by the College.

"5. The College of Custodians shall adopt rules and by-laws and keep a record of its proceedings and acts, which shall be open to the inspection of the Grand Master or any committee appointed by the Grand Lodge for that purpose.

"6. The College shall meet annually after the Grand Lodge closes, and ought to meet near the festivals of the Saints John.

"7. There shall be a Grand Lecturer, and as many Deputy Grand Lecturers and Lecturers as may be deemed expedient; all of whom shall be Master Masons, members of some subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall submit to an examination by the College of Custodians under its rules as to their fitness and qualifications. If found to be proficient, or sufficiently informed in the work and lectures, and otherwise suitable, they shall be given a certificate which shall expire by limitation in one year from its date; and unless such certificate be renewed (after a re-examination) the brother to whom it was given shall cease to be either Grand Lecturer, Deputy Grand Lecturer or Lecturer, as the case may be.

"8. The Grand Lecturer shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and report fully to the Grand Lodge at its annual communications, and, *ad interim*, to the Grand Master when required; and shall receive the sum of \$..... per month from the Grand Treasurer. In addition thereto he shall be paid (by the lodges visited) his actual travelling expenses to reach such lodges, and if away from home, be furnished board while instructing them.

"9. The Grand Lecturer shall, after consulting with the Masters of lodges, when practicable, give notice through the *Masonic Home Journal* where and when he will hold lodges of instruction; and shall hold such a lodge for at least six consecutive days (omitting Sundays) in every judicial district of the State annually.

"10. The Grand Lecturer, by advice and consent of the Grand Master, may appoint Deputy Grand Lecturers, who may hold lodges of instruction under the warrants of some regular lodge, under direction of the Grand Lecturer, and receive such compensation, if any, from the parties interested as may be agreed upon by them.

"11. The College of Custodians may appoint Lecturers to lecture individual brethren and lodges, when requested, with or without compensation, as may be agreed upon between the parties.

"Your Commission are of opinion that these rules ought to be made a part of the Constitution."

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized.

A motion was adopted that new collars for the Grand Officers be procured, but by consent, the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to procure gold jewels to be suspended from a pin or bar in lieu of the collars.

Bro. James W. Staton reports on correspondence in his usual able and pleasant manner. In his notice of our proceedings for 1892 he says:—

"Eighteen closely written pages are devoted to the admirable address of the Grand Master. What shall we say in praise of this Magnificent address, or where shall we begin to review it? And then the question, if we begin where shall we end? We could write more than we have space to allot to the review of this jurisdiction on this address, and then not do it justice. Suffice it to say, that there is no scope of Masonic duty that has not been alluded to. There have been no interests of the Craft in Ontario that have not received the closest attention. It is by far the most excellent address that has come within our knowledge or under our notice in this extensive review, now drawing to a close, which will embrace all or nearly all the American jurisdictions and some across the seas. Such Grand Masters are rare. He came to the conclusion that two years, which is the limit of that jurisdiction, was enough for him, and he plainly announced his determination not to allow his name to be further used in connection with the office of Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Canada has been remarkably fortunate in selecting an able body of Grand Masters, men of first-class ability, and this one, in our judgment, has proven himself the equal, if not the superior, of any of them."

J. Speed Smith, (Richmond), G. M.

H. B. Grant, (Louisville), G. S.

LOUISIANA.

81st Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 13th, 1893

Bro. Charles F. Buck, the Grand Master, was absent through illness. In his address he mentions the death of their most prominent Past Grand Master, Joseph Potts Horner. Four new lodges were formed. Their new and magnificent Temple in New Orleans was dedicated on St. John's Day, with appropriate ceremonies. The condition of the Craft is more satisfactory than it has been for many years.

R. W. Bro. D. F. McWatt was appointed as their representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. Samuel M. Todd, the Grand Lecturer, visited and opened a number of Lodges of Instruction, including the lodges working in the French, Spanish, German and Italian languages, and in the Scottish Rite. We wonder what in the world he had to do with the Scottish Rite? Another grand visitor found most of the lodges he visited deficient in the ritual and lecture, and no uniformity in the work, no two lodges working alike.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge authorize the M. W. Grand Master to appoint a Board of Trustees for a prospective Masonic Home for the indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, of the State of Louisiana, said Board of Trustees to be composed of three city brethren and three from the country. The M. W. G. M. to form the seventh member of said Board as chairman."

The retiring Grand Master, Bro. Buck, has held the office for six years with marked zeal and fidelity. He was mainly instrumental in the building of their Temple, and he has materially assisted in the restoration of their prosperity.

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows has another report on correspondence, arranged with reference to the topics discussed, similar to those presented for several years past. On the insurance feature in connection with Freemasonry, he has some excellent remarks, from which we make the following extract.

"The sudden rise in recent years of many secret and semi-secret societies, and their existence with a large membership, have sensibly checked the growth of the Masonic Institution, and materially affected its prosperity. The effect of these upon Masonry have been deleterious in several ways, but chiefly in two, which the present seems to be a fitting time to present to the consideration of our Fraternity. The first—preventing a healthy increase of membership—has, it seems, reached the culmination, and a return of our prosperity in this regard no longer should give us much concern. But the second still remains, and, indeed, without our utmost care, has but just begun to show its deleterious influence upon the future of our Order; that is, *the danger of engrafting upon—of infusing into—the principles of true Freemasonry, wrong ideas of the Institution.* Indeed, we have for some time past seen this, unless checked, fatal tendency.

"All these institutions—organizations—are based upon the mutual benefit idea, having incorporated in them, every one, this feature. They all have a secret form of organization, calculated to attract men by an appeal to the natural curiosity of man, as many are more or less attracted by the Masonic Institution, with all the high-sounding titles which the imaginative mind could suggest. But the main inducement held out by these organizations to the uninitiated is the feature, presented in various forms, that by the payment of certain monthly or quarterly sums, called dues or assessments, a certain fixed sum per week should be paid each member in case of sickness, or a sum of less or greater amount to the family of the deceased in case of death. A calculation, even casual, clearly shows that the amount promised was far in excess of the premium, called dues, paid in. Hence many, in the hopes of getting much for little, have been induced to join these various organizations. They become health and life insurance societies at a very much less premium than were offered by life insurance companies, whose premiums were based on carefully prepared tables of mortality, protected by careful medical examinations. A careful examination would have shown that as soon as the ordinary death rate or sickness should begin to happen, say in the course of five or ten years, there would be no funds to pay out, and all who, at the end of such term, remained members, would be left with an empty bag to hold. Indeed, the head man of one of the organizations in this city, once stated that at least ninety per cent. of the entire membership would drop out of their own accord, or have their membership forfeited by non-payment of dues, or assessments, and that in this way the other ten per cent. would have a certainty of having their policies paid in full. It is this plan of getting from others what you contributed only in part yourself, that keeps these organizations alive. The idea of contributing a small sum for stated times for a short period, say five or seven years, or less, and then getting a large sum, was the basis of the marriage associations—of short life—of the Iron Hall, now in a state of collapse, and, indeed, in some form or other, with variations to catch the fancy, it is the basis of all these benefit associations, and which, it is safe to say, will all share the same fate as the two mentioned. And this is as it should be.

"The whole scheme, of each and all, is based on false premises. It engenders false ideas of life and business. It inculcates wrong principles, and leads men into erroneous habits of life. There is nothing of benevolence, or charity, or brotherly love about it, It is an attempt to get from another by indirection, without a *quid pro quo*. It is near akin to gambling. It is not an incentive to good morals or right living. Being all this, all these institutions must sooner or later come to an end, as founded on wrong ideas and incorrect principles of conduct. Hence, there has been in the minds of clear, calm thinkers, little fear of their long continuance."

He says that he cannot yet report Masonry in Mexico as established upon a proper and sure foundation.

George W. Boulton, (Pineville), G. M.

Richard Lambert, (New Orleans), G. S.

MAINE.

73rd Communication, Portland, May 3rd, 1892.

Henry R. Taylor, G. M.

He mentions the death of their venerable Grand Secretary, Ira Berry, who held that office since 1856, and was buried on the 90th anniversary.

ary of his birth. On the condition of the Fraternity, the Grand Master says :—

"A 'just regard for the rights of others,' most fraternally reciprocated by the Grand Lodge of Maine, renders the present year one of marked freedom from strife or disagreement, and presents 'the continuance of brotherly love' and the 'dwelling together in unity.'"

"Of Lodges, we count the same number as reported last year.

"Only one new lodge has been constituted, while, by the consolidation of two others, the total remains unchanged. Notwithstanding the loss by suspensions and by the hand of death, there has been an increase of membership, giving 21,177 this year against 20,968 of last.

"An important feature, encouraged from year to year, will be noticeable, an increase in the *average membership* of lodges, it being now about 110 per lodge. Each is thereby made stronger, and the financial burdens of each comparatively lighter by the aggregation."

On Masonic degress for the female sex, he observes :—

"My attention has been called and opinion solicited regarding certain 'androgynous,' or so-called 'side degrees' of Masonry. How far the institution (?) has obtained foot-hold, or been promulgated within our jurisdiction, I am not informed.

"With its 'essentials' or its advantages I am equally unacquainted, and, if 'ignorance is bliss,' I confess to enjoying a superlatively 'blissful' condition

"By no means would we ignore the claims which certain ties of consanguinity sometimes demand of a Master Mason. *No true mason* forgets their legitimate requirements. Can they become more vital or effectual by any system of specious 'grafting' upon 'the body politic'? Is our temple so faulty in its construction that we require some 'annex' to sustain it? Or, shall we wantonly delude our innocent kindred with a very *faint shadow*, and call it a veritable substance? Masonry is content with its own name and mission. It has no ambition to stand 'sponsor' for any order of 'Oriental Astrals,' or 'Association for the Relief of Plethoric Pocket Books.'

"Let us deal fairly and frankly in this, as in kindred matters. If that which is '*esoteric*' in Masonry is displayed 'upon the tables of money-changers,' I fear that more than a few *doves* will be *sold*.

"The place for fictitious '*side degrees* of Masonry' is *outside* even the 'porch of its temple.'"

As an instance of the varied work often required to be done by our Grand Officers, we take the following from the report of the Grand Secretary :—

"In the numerous demands of all kinds from different jurisdictions, it is frequently necessary to call upon the lodge officers for labor outside of their regular duties, and I am happy to say that all such requests are met with cheerful compliance. We were requested by a California Lodge to hunt up the record of an old mason now twenty years dead. I asked the assistance of Past Grand Master FESSENDEN I. DAY, in this, as he has been ever ready to help in good works. He found that the brother had left Maine over eighty years ago, before reaching manhood, and was able to refer them to his probable early residence. In another case a California Master wrote that a legacy from a Grandmother awaited two orphan boys somewhere in Maine. The boys were found in Cherryfield, and Bro. FRED. I. CAMPBELL, the Master of Narraguagus Lodge, had their interests in charge. It was pleasant to put the two Masters in communication, and to know that at the two extremes of this broad continent, two lodges were watching over the interests of the fatherless, without hope of fee or reward, or even of mention, and would see their interests protected, or know the reason why.

"In another instance, the great-grandson of your first Grand Tyler, residing in Oregon, sought information about his ancestor. It was possible to give him considerable of a biography, and a tracing of his signature.

"This silent work of the fraternity is deeply appreciated by those who are benefited by it, and it cannot but be gratifying to the Craft to know that it is going on, although the details are not reported."

The Grand Lodge of Tasmania was recognized on the report of Bro. Drummond, that a very large majority of the lodges had joined the new Grand Lodge, which had been recognized by the parent Grand Lodges.

Bro. Josiah H. Drummond presents another of his super-excellent reports on correspondence. It covers over 220 pages of closely printed matter and therefore it is impossible to do it justice in the space at our command. It is needless to say that it is well written and full of in-

terest ; and all current questions are discussed with great ability. We must be satisfied, however, with a few quotations.

On uniformity of work :—

"The desirability of the result proposed, viz.: the universal uniformity of masonic work, cannot be denied ; indeed, until that shall be substantially secured, the claim of universality of Masonry is a delusion or a pretence ; but we have no confidence in any attempt to secure it, because the *unmasonic* sentiment now prevailing, that each Grand Lodge is a law unto itself in all masonic matters, will prevent it. The fundamental idea of Masonry was that it is an *institution*—a unit ; but the actually prevailing idea is that it is an aggregation of organizations, each claiming to be 'sovereign,' but practising the principles of the old institution as 'amended,' (?) and changed by itself, according to its own views of the 'requirements of human progress.' There are exceptions ; some Grand Lodges adhere, with commendable tenacity, to what they understand to be the principles and policy of the institution, 'without variableness, or the shadow of change ;' if all did this, the universality of Masonry would be preserved as far as it is possible for human beings to preserve it, when acting otherwise than under one controlling head. But it is manifest that these Grand Lodges would adhere to their own system of work with the utmost tenacity ; they will not allow possible errors, which may arise out of the lack of infallibility of human beings. For example, who believes that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania would yield its own views in relation to the ritual to the combined judgment of all the Grand Lodges in the world ? We do not say this in a criticising spirit ; adherence to the 'Ancient Landmarks' has been rigidly taught in that jurisdiction and every mason in it has been taught, and fully believes, that the original principles, polity and work of the institution have been handed down from generation to generation with absolute perfection : how, then, can they consent to *any* change ? But Grand Lodges, other than the class to which we have just alluded, will be unwilling to surrender their own modes of work, even in order to conform to the decision of the majority. At any rate, no Grand Lodge should adopt the proposed plan without determination to abide by the result : and so many have established a system of work and been at great expenditure of time, labor and money, in disseminating it among their lodges, that we have no faith that they will consent to abandon it, or so modify it as to secure the great desideratum of a universally uniform ritual.

"There is another inherent difficulty. There is no doubt that the 'Ancients' introduced changes into the ritual existing at the time of their organization, claiming that those, from whom they seceded, had departed from the old system, so that after their system was introduced into this country, there were two modes of working : as the two parties assimilated in this country and in each jurisdiction one mode was adopted, that mode embraced more or less of the peculiarities of both systems, and thereby diversities arose, which the labors of WEBB but practically removed : so that if two jurisdictions have now the precise rituals which they had a century or so ago, it does not follow that the two are the same."

On past rank in another jurisdiction :—

"There should be no question that a Past Grand Master's rank is not a *local* one, but a *universal* one, and wherever affiliated, he should stand on a level with his peers. In olden times, a Past Master was a Past Master *in Masonry*, and not of a particular lodge or a particular State : his rank was recognized universally precisely the same as in case of a Master Mason ; the change has arisen from local jealousy, which should find no place in Masonic polity."

On lodge jurisdiction :—

"The doctrine of inter-lodge territorial jurisdiction is a very recent one and is not universal even now. Within our recollection, it was not the law in any jurisdiction in this section of the country. Territorial jurisdiction was given to lodges by express grant of the Grand Lodge. Waiver of jurisdiction in favor of a lodge in another state was first given by the Grand Master, under the law of the Grand Lodge. The law of territorial jurisdiction was not based upon the rights of lodges, but upon the welfare of the Craft : its moving cause was to require candidates to apply to lodges where they are best known. A Grand Master cannot impose a member upon a lodge because the right of a lodge to choose its own member 'is not subject to a dispensation.' Therefore the opposite does not follow. We repeat, that territorial jurisdiction was not established for the 'being and growth' of a lodge, but to correct abuses, as it was found that unworthy candidates were admitted by applying where they were not well known. The law was adopted in Maine upon our motion, and the reason given was the one which we have just stated."

Canada for 1891 receives a good notice.

Henry R. Taylor, (Machias), G. M.

Stephen Berry, (Portland), G. S.

MANITOBA.

17th Communication, Winnipeg, June 8th, 1892.

William G. Bell, G.M.

Bro. Bell's record of visitations and other work proves him to have been a most efficient officer :—

"In the absence of a Grand Lecturer I deemed it to be my duty to visit as great a number of Lodges as possible, as I was convinced that in a number I could give needed instruction, and in others awaken a greater interest in the work. Of the forty-six Lodges, I held meetings at forty-one, and from the enthusiasm manifested, and the appreciation shown, I have no doubt that my visits will be productive of much good. While the brethren everywhere showed me every attention and hospitality, still, from the amount of territory to be gone over, the vicissitude of the weather and late trains, I found that the task was no easy or pleasant one. In the course of my official visits I travelled 3,500 miles, 250 of which were by stage."

A new lodge was formed at Hartney.

The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge extends to the Rocky Mountains. It is a land of magnificent distances, and when we read of brothers travelling, and often riding 25, 35 and 62 miles to attend lodge, we are lost in wonder at the Masonic interest displayed by these enthusiasts. The D.D.G.M. of Alberta District thus speaks of Spitzio lodge :—

"The brethren of this Lodge enjoy the privilege of daily beholding perhaps the grandest of all grand views of the Rockies. As we drove up to this pleasant little town, we were struck with admiration upon beholding the semi-circle of hills and mountains on the north and west, and afterward wondered if the constant contemplation of these specimens of the everlasting sentinels reminded them of their Masonic duties, because the meeting I visited on the 14th of November, although the weather was rather cold, was very well attended, one brother (Bro. W. G. Haultain) coming on horseback over thirty miles, and many others nearly as far. By the way, the family of Haultain must be a good Masonic family, because Brother F. W. G. Haultain, of Macleod, cheerfully gave his time for two days and drove us to Pincher Creek and back, which was much appreciated. This is a good Lodge, well worked, well furnished, and its books in beautiful shape, in the hands of Bro. H. E. Hyde.

Cascade lodge was moved from Anthracite to Banff.

The worthy Grand Secretary is busily engaged in procuring all the possible facts relative to the early history of Freemasonry in Manitoba.

New Zealand was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"That in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the State of Masonry, a sum of one hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master to be expended as necessary in defraying the travelling expenses of well-skilled brethren appointed to visit Lodges for the purpose of instruction. The District Deputy Grand Master to suggest the name of a well-skilled brother in the District for appointment as instructor."

Eight delegates were elected to the Congress at Chicago.

J. W. H. Wilson, (Portage la Prairie), G.M.

(Bro. Wilson died within a few weeks after his election. He was an old and highly esteemed member of our Grand Lodge, and formerly resided at Bradford in this county.)

William G. Scott, (Winnipeg), G.S.

MARYLAND.

Semi-annual Communication, May 10th, 1892.

Unusual activity prevailed throughout the State. The law requiring the Grand Lecturer to visit every lodge in the State at least once in each year is bearing good fruit. The attendance at the Lodge of Instruction is on the increase. At a general Lodge of Instruction ordered by the Grand Master, there were 500 brethren present. The Grand Master is endeavoring to form a Masonic Quartette that will be equal to anything in the country, and whose services will be at the disposal of the

Blue lodges generally. There are a number of these musical quartettes in Boston, all employed by the Masonic lodges.

The reconstruction of the Masonic Temple in Baltimore is progressing satisfactorily.

"Since the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, a number of the brethren, imbued with the true principles of the Fraternity, have formed an Association, known as the Fellow Craft Association of Maryland, which was formed for charitable purposes, and is intended to relieve distressed brethren of this jurisdiction, whose cases are emergent. The Association has already done good work in relieving the distressed within our borders. Their only source of income is from voluntary contributions from individual members of the Fraternity; their plan being to get small annual contributions from a large number of the brethren throughout the State, which they hope will in the end aggregate a large amount. The object of the Association is a most worthy one, and I cheerfully recommend it to the kind consideration of the brethren."

Bro. Schultz is happy in having an old relic properly cared for:—

"Brother E. T. Schultz presented the following communication and resolution, which was adopted:

"*Most Worshipful Grand Master:*

"There is among our archives a valuable and interesting relic, which has not, I think, received the care and attention its value and importance deserves. It is an old volume printed in the Latin language, in old Gothic or black letter, presented to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Master ANTHONY KIMMEL, at the 1852 Annual Communication.

It was styled by Brother KIMMEL "*Biblia Sacra*," he supposed it to be a full Bible, but it now appears, from the critical examination of a learned gentleman of Hopkins University to be "*The New Testament Scriptures*," with commentaries of the eminent theologian, NICIOLAS DE LYRA, on both the Old and New Testaments, also additions by PAULUS DE SANCTA MARIA, Bishop of Burgos, Archicancellarius of John, King of Castile and Leon. There is also an epistle of ST. JEROME to POPE DAMASCUS, and following the New Testament is a tract of DE LYRA against the Jews.

This interesting volume is in folio, and was printed at Venice, by FRANCISCU'S RENNER, of Helbraun, A.D. 1482, and is therefore four hundred and ten years old.

In his communication accompanying its presentation, Brother KIMMEL enumerates some of the wonderful events which have transpired since its publication, as follows:

"In the year 1430—Laurentius of Haarlem invented printing, which he practised with separate wooden types.

"1467—Gutenberg died, to whom is attributed the invention of the art of printing, in connection with Dr. Faustus and Peter Shoeffler, who invented the mode of casting types in matrices.

"1468—Frederick Consels first began to print in Oxford, England, with wooden type.

"1474—Wm. Caxton introduced in England the art of printing with fusil type.

"1482—This ancient book of the Holy Scriptures was printed in the City of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic, then in the zenith of her commercial glory. It will be perceived that this book was among the first editions with the fusil letters, and it can be properly regarded as the oldest printed book in this happy country of liberty and universal toleration of religious belief. And it was, at the time of its publication the accepted and acknowledged translation of the holy writings of the then Catholic Church of the whole Christian world. But after that what great events have occurred?

"1483—Martin Luther was born November 10, 1483, in Eiseleben, Saxony.

"1492—Christopher Columbus discovered the Continent of America.

"1517—Luther began his Reformation in Germany.

"1534—The Reformation took place in England under Henry the 7th.

"1539—The first English edition of the Bible authorized.

"1560—The Reformation in Scotland completed by John Knox.

"1611—The translation of the Holy Scripture was finished by the Protestant Bishops in convocation, by order and under James the 1st of England, which is now the Holy Bible, as acknowledged by the various and indescribable Protestant churches throughout the world, and which is the version now used by this ancient fraternity in the United States and territories, and also by the Brotherhood throughout the world.

"1732—George Washington, the illustrious Freemason, born February 22nd.

"1752—Bro. George Washington initiated into Masonry November 4th.

"1799—Bro. George Washington died at Mount Vernon December 14th.

"1782—This Holy Bible was printed 300 years before the United States were acknowledged a free and independent nation.

"This Holy Bible was purchased by your Brother in the ancient city of Rome, once the mistress of the world, within a short distance of the Church of St. Maria, in the via Lata, the supposed site of the house in which St. Paul lodged with the centurion. I can with truth affirm that the Holy Scriptures, in almost every language of the Christian and known world, can be bought at fair prices, without restrictions or limits, in that city, where the early martyrs suffered, and where millions of victims were sacrificed in the primitive times of our holy religion.

"As this valuable book was inappropriately rebound, and an erroneous title page inserted some years since, I move, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that it be suitably rebound and properly inscribed, and that it, together with other relics and curios now in the archives of the Grand Lodge, be placed in the hands of the 'Committee on Museum,' recently appointed by the Library Association, with a view to their better care and preservation."

They publish a Roll of Honor, containing the names of those brethren who have been active members of the Grand Lodge for 25 years and more. The list now contains 54 names. Surely the climate of Maryland must be conducive to longevity.

Bro. E. T. Schultz reports on Correspondence in his usual entertaining style. Their custom of printing their proceedings twice a year has prevailed for over 100 years. Canada for 1891 receives due mention. As to what a Fraternal Congress might do, he says:—

"We do believe, however, that a Convention composed of *one or two earnest, zealous and well-informed* Brethren from each Jurisdiction might accomplish much good by formulating a *uniform code of laws* for the fraternity, for this, in the opinion of your Committee, is the great and crying need of the hour in our fraternity. We have yet to learn that any 'greater uniformity in the modes of recognition' is needed among the Masons in this country, or, indeed, anywhere else, for we have never heard of an instance in which a bright and intelligent Mason was unable to work his way into any *regular lodge* in the world.

"We were taught that the fraternity of Freemasonry was a universal brotherhood, governed by the same fundamental principles and the same general laws, usages, customs and landmarks the world over. Is this true? Is the fraternity, even in our own country, governed by the *same regulations*? Alas! no. Certain Masonic offences, in one Jurisdiction, are not held to be Masonic offences in an adjoining Jurisdiction. Qualifications for entrance into Freemasonry are required by one Grand Lodge which are totally unknown to another. The Grand Master of the *Craft* in one State has, and exercises rights and powers that are denied to a Grand Master of the *Craft* of another Jurisdiction, separated simply by an imaginary line. One Grand Lodge permits Past Masters to open and preside over a subordinate lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens, while others, and we are pleased to say the larger number, *u i l n o t*.

"We might enumerate a score or more cases in which this divergence in regulations exists, and which should not exist, if Freemasonry be what we teach, a universal Brotherhood, with which 'men of every country, sect and opinion can unite *because* its members, wheresoever dispersed, are governed by the *same* fundamental principles, laws and regulations.

"Let this Convention also determine what are the 'Landmarks of Freemasonry.' All Masons agree that there are *Landmarks*, but scarcely any two agree as to what they are. Some contend that there are *twenty-five*, others *eighteen*, others *seven*, and we believe there are some who say that there are only *three*. Now is it not high time that we should *know definitely* what they are, or else stop prating about them as we do, and cease to charge our officers *not to* violate a something which they nor anybody else know anything about?

"If, therefore, delegates such as we suggest, duly accredited by their respective Grand Lodges, would assemble at Chicago or elsewhere, and, discarding all other questions, take the Ancient Charges and the Regulations as a basis, formulate (not a Constitution, for that is a *misnomer* in its application to our Fraternity) *Regulations*, incorporating in them such matters as are readily deducible by analogy therefrom, together with well-known and defined usages and customs, we believe that every Grand Lodge of this country, in time, would accept and adopt such a Code, and thus a great and lasting good would be effected. For our Fraternity would then indeed be what we claim it to be, a *universal brotherhood*, with which men of every country, sect and opinion can unite on one common level."

106th Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 15th, 1892.

Thomas J. Shryock, G.M.

In this jurisdiction the Grand Master is altogether too high and mighty to open Grand Lodge himself. It is opened by the Deputy Grand Master "in due form," then the reading of the minutes is dispensed with, then the Standing Committees are appointed, then the Committee of Conference (Credentials), makes its report, then the Deputy Grand Master directs the Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Director of Ceremonies to inform the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge is opened and awaits his presence and then the entrance of the Grand Master is proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors

are given and the Grand Master takes the gavel tendered to him by the Deputy. Will Bro. Schultz kindly inform us how old this custom is and where it originated, or where they got it from. According to our information, it was not the custom in England 100 years ago.

Bro. Shryock in his address says :—

“The condition of the Craft throughout the States as indicated by the reports of the subordinate Grand Officers, continues good. I have pleasure in again calling to the attention of the Grand Lodge the wisdom of the series of official visitations of the Grand Lecturer to county Lodges. The result has been a resuscitation of a number of the Lodges which had become defunct, and the building up of many of the weaker ones. This is evidenced by the report of the Grand Secretary, which shows that every Lodge holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland is represented at this Communication and has paid its annual dues.”

The Masonic Veterans Association of Maryland has been formed, composed of brethren who have been faithful to the Craft for over 21 years.

All Masonic notices must be sent under seal.

Thomas J. Shryock, (Baltimore), G.M.

Jacob H. Medairy, (Baltimore), G.S.

MICHIGAN.

49th Communication, Saginaw, January 24th, 1893.

William P. Innes, G.M.

A choir of 35 singers from the Saginaw Lodges added a most interesting and pleasing feature to the opening exercises by rendering some choice and appropriate musical selections.

The address of Bro. Innes is what we might expect from such an old member of the Reportorial Corps, clear, concise and full of matter. In his opening, he says :—

“Lodges of Freemasons are not organized or kept at labor for selfish purposes ; they impose salutary and restrictive rules for the government of their own members and should always exercise a positive moral influence upon the well being and good order of the community around them. Freemasonry fails to answer its proper end whenever it fails to accomplish this, because the rules for its government, the ethics it undertakes and the principles it is bound to recognize, are of such a nature as must conduce to this result if they are faithfully administered and honestly lived up to, and whenever a Lodge is found neglecting the performance of its enjoined duties (and upon which public opinion has settled with distrust) the conclusion is irresistible that either its members have been lukewarm and negligent of their masonic duties, or what is more frequently the case, that there exists among them bad men, whose reckless characters and profligate lives are the impediment or stumbling block over which the lodge itself becomes prostrated into ruins.

“Lodges should be taught the great responsibility under which they rest in this particular and of their direct accountability to Grand Lodge for any infraction of their charter or violation of any known law of the Craft.”

Five new lodges were formed.

The irrepressible Calvin C. Burt again appears. This time the “Chief of the Egyptian Rite of Memphis” petitions the Grand Lodge to rescind the edict of his expulsion which was passed in 1880. It is hardly necessary to state that the petition was not granted.

A Constitutional amendment was unanimously adopted, making all the Grand Officers elective.

The Grand Secretary will soon win his spurs as a reporter. His review is extensive, (351 pages) and the extracts well chosen. In his notice of Canada for 1892, he says :—

“In reviewing the proceedings of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Communication which was held in the City of London, commencing on July 20th, A. D. 1892, A. L. 5892, the writer is carried back to the month of July, 1875, when on a visit to this same city, he found the hotels filled with a body of men, whom he then thought to be the finest and most intelligent looking men he had ever seen together. Upon enquiry he learned that the Grand Lodge of Masons of Canada was to convene upon the following day. He was not at this time a member of this Order, and the appearance of these representative

Masons of Canada made an impression upon his mind that has never been effaced, and produced so favorable an opinion in regard to Freemasonry, that a short time afterward he sought and obtained admission into the Order, which has ever since proven the source of his inspiration, and the field of labor in which the best energies of his life have been employed. The recollection of this event, and the consequences resulting from it, have ever given him a warm feeling towards the Canadian brethren, and he has always cherished the hope, as yet unfulfilled, that at some time he might form the personal acquaintance of many members of that Craft in that neighboring country.

"Still cherishing that hope, we greet our brethren in Canada through these printed pages, and extend to them a hand warm with a brother's most fraternal greetings."

He would like us to devote more space to Michigan, as we are such near neighbors. Well, we will try to do better next time. We are limited by our Grand Lodge to a certain number of pages, and it is difficult to give each jurisdiction its proper share.

George E. Dowling, (Montague), G.M.

Jefferson S. Conover, (Coldwater), G.S.

MINNESOTA.

40th Communication, St. Paul, January 11th, 1893.

Alphonso Barto, G.M.

The Grand Master very properly decided that a lodge could not, even by an unanimous vote, appropriate money from its funds to assist in building a bridge.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a masonic home is not necessary in this jurisdiction at the present time, and that masonic charity can be more satisfactorily, economically and equitably dispensed by the methods at present existing in this jurisdiction."

Delegates were appointed to attend the Fraternal Congress.

New Zealand was recognized.

An interesting report of the Committee on Jurisprudence appears to place the status and rank obtained in a foreign jurisdiction in the proper light, and we are inclined to agree in their conclusion as a necessary concomitant of the universality of Masonry:—

"At the last communication of this Grand Lodge your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was instructed 'to report upon the status in this Grand Lodge of a brother who may have been elected to the position of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden in this Grand Lodge, and who then leaves this jurisdiction, takes a dimit, becomes a member in another Grand Jurisdiction and again returns to this jurisdiction and joins some lodge therein.'

"Also, upon the status in this Grand Lodge of a brother who may have been elected to any of the above named positions in any other Grand Jurisdiction and afterwards becomes a member in this jurisdiction,' and the committee was granted time until the present session to report.

"Your committee, having duly considered said several subjects, now fraternally report upon the same as follows:—

"*First*—A brother who has held a masonic office, either in the Grand or a subordinate lodge of this or any other jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, and is a member of a subordinate lodge here or elsewhere, never, while in good standing in the fraternity, loses his right to the honors due to the highest office which he has held, and he is entitled to be hailed and recognized in all proper places according to such rank.

"*Second*—In this jurisdiction Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past Grand Wardens of this Grand Lodge (General Regulations, Sec. 64) are, while members in good standing of subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction (General Regulations, Sec. 65), permanent members of this Grand Lodge, and entitled to vote therein and receive certain pay on attending the communications of this Grand Lodge; and such past Grand Officer who removes from this jurisdiction, taking a dimit from his local lodge, and becomes a member of a lodge, or not, in another jurisdiction, loses not the honors due his masonic rank, but ceases to be a member of this Grand Lodge. (General Regulations, Sec. 65.)

"*Third*—If such Past Grand Officer of this jurisdiction returns to this jurisdiction and again becomes a member of a subordinate lodge therein, he at once resumes all his former rights and privileges as a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, according to the rank he formerly held, whatever official rank he may have attained to in any other jurisdiction.

"*Fourth*—As to the second paragraph above, we report that the status of a brother in good standing who has attained to any of the above named offices in any other jurisdiction, and whether a member of a lodge here or elsewhere, is entitled to be accorded the honors due his rank, just as though he had obtained such rank in this jurisdiction; but he is not because of such official standing and lodge membership here, a member of this Grand Lodge, such membership, in the opinion of your committee, being confined to the Past Grand Officers of this jurisdiction named above. (General Regulations, Sec. 64.)

"Your committee further reports, as applicable to an existing instance in this jurisdiction and in accordance with the above views, that a Past Deputy Grand Master or Past Grand Warden of this jurisdiction who has dimitted and removed from the jurisdiction and attained to the office of Grand Master in another jurisdiction, and then returns to this jurisdiction and becomes a member of a subordinate lodge again therein, is entitled to the honors due a past Grand Master, but resumes his membership in this Grand Lodge as a Past Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, as the fact may be."

Bro. Irving Todd has a good report on correspondence. He thinks that under existing circumstances there can be no such thing as uniformity of work throughout the United States, and that the matter is not worth serious consideration.

William F. Dickinson, (Redwood Falls), G.M.

Thos. Montgomery, (St. Paul), G.S.

MISSISSIPPI.

74th Communication, Vicksburg, February 11th, 1892.

John M. Ware, G M.

After a long discussion on majority and minority reports and numerous amendments on the subject of saloon-keeping, a new rule was adopted, making it a Masonic offence "for any Mason not now engaged in, to continue in the business of selling intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage after the first day of January next, and the penalty therefore shall be expulsion." Seems to us that somebody got muddled. How can any one not engaged in a business, continue in it? The only members to whom this rule would apply, would be those who started in that business after the rule was passed.

A per capita tax of twenty cents in aid of the Masonic Home was levied on the membership by a vote of 346 to 310. Seems too small a majority for practical working purposes on such an important matter.

The new Code of Laws by Bro. Frederic Speed is now completed. We have a faint recollection that he owes us a copy.

Bro. Andrew H. Barkly has an excellent report on correspondence. Canada for 1891 receives a good notice. He is very justly severe on the demoralizing tendency of saloon-keeping:—

"I have, time and again, in my reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, laid down the point that saloon-keeping has a character. Character is always applied to what the thing is in itself, and we judge the tree by its fruit. I believe it is universally held to be true that a good tree neither can nor does bring forth evil fruit. To do so would be contrary to its nature. It is also held to be true universally, that a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. These statements may be put down then as axioms, and do not need proof.

"Now, what is the character of the saloon? Is it good or bad, moral or immoral? What is its fruit? What lessons are imparted there? Who and what is the character of the keepers and pupils of these institutions? Are men made better by the practice of retailing intoxicating liquors? Are those who patronize them made better by frequenting them, partaking of what is sold there and associating with those who visit such places? The fruit is what must determine the character. We cannot arrive at this by comparison, as Bro. Schultz has seen fit to do in his review of Kentucky. Every tree is known by its own fruit.

"Is the selling of liquor subversive of good morals? The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has so declared. This Grand Lodge has laid down the broad principle "*that saloon-keeping is un-Masonic—an offence against Masonry,*" and Rule 1, page 68, of our Digest, as just completed, says 'Chartered Lodges should take knowledge of and punish according to Masonic usage, all offences against Masonry, good morals and society.'

1893.

75th Communication, Natchez, February 8th, 1893.

W. A. Roane, G.M.

The Grand Master delivered a very interesting address. In his opening remarks, we find the following :—

"It will probably be a matter of curious information to many of you, brethren, that among the first, if not the very first, lottery ever authorized in Mississippi was established by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in the year 1819, for the purpose of raising a fund to build a Masonic Hall (as it was then called) in Natchez. The Temple was built after years of trial and self-sacrifice, and cost \$14,450.00

"Grand Master John A. Quitman, on February 16th, 1829, speaking of the Masonic Hall at Natchez, said: 'The new Masonic Hall is in a state of forwardness, and will, I hope, be completed during the present spring. The erection of this fine edifice has required great energy and heavy responsibilities from a few brethren residing in this neighborhood. The Natchez Royal Arch Chapter, and the Lodges held in Natchez and Washington, have contributed liberally to this laudable object; I trust that even the more distant Lodges will consider it an object worthy of their liberality.

"About this time the anti-Masonic fanatics of the Northern part of our country were making a persistent and malignant fight on the Order, and Grand Master Quitman said in his annual address: 'Brethren, the noble cause of Masonry still flourishes in this State. The whirlwind of prejudice which now rages in the northern section of the Union, is known and felt here, but as a distant rumor—an empty sound. It must spend itself long before it can reach our happy clime. In this enlightened community we have no organized opposition to encounter; let us not, however, relax our exertions to do good and to obtain as well as deserve our good name.'"

The "Diamond" Anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge was fittingly celebrated by an open meeting in the Opera House, with appropriate addresses and musical services.

It was decided, out of courtesy to the "Mother" Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to appoint delegates to the Fraternal Congress at Chicago, but without legislative powers.

We find the following in the report of the Board of Custodians of the Work, on the subject of the qualifications of Masters before installation :—

"Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary, very kindly addressed a circular letter to the Grand Secretaries of other Grand Lodges asking to be informed as to their requirements on this subject, and has furnished us with the replies from thirty-nine Grand Bodies. Most of them have the same regulations as this Grand Lodge.

"Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Arizona have regulations almost the same as the proposed resolution, and they seem to work very satisfactorily. With these exceptions no Grand Body on the continent that we have heard from require the Master-elect to have a certificate of proficiency.

"In Delaware, the Wardens as well as the Master are included.

"In Virginia, the Wardens as well as the Master are required to have the Past Master's degree before installation; while Iowa, Utah, North and South Dakota, Montana, Indian Territory, Washington, and Ontario discard the Past Master degree entirely. Grand Secretary Deihl, of Utah, says: 'The Past Master's degree being foreign to and not a part of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Grand Lodge, in 1888, cast it in the rubbish of the Temple, there to remain forevermore.'

"Maine and Arkansas sometimes use the Past Master's degree, but do not regard it as essential.

"In two jurisdictions any member of the Lodge is eligible to the office of Worshipful Master without having served as Warden."

It is hardly correct to say that the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) has discarded the Past Master's degree entirely, as we have, and have always had what we call "The Degree of an Installed Master" as a necessary part of the installation of a Master.

Bro. Barkley thinks it is contrary to all usage for the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to allow a lodge to be opened by a Past Master. It has been our usage from "time immemorial."

Canada for 1892 receives favorable mention.

Rev. Irvin Miller, (Walnut Grove), G. M.

J. L. Power, (Jackson), G. S.

MISSOURI.

72nd Communication, St. Louis, Oct. 11th, 1892.

Benton H. Iugram, G. M.

The opening paragraphs of the address of the Grand Master are worthy of careful perusal and attention.

"God created us social beings to assist and encourage each other, as well as for mutual pleasure. If we each stood alone, apart from all others, like an isolated iceberg, and sought only our own happiness in a selfish, unamiable state of mind and course of conduct, how cheerless and forlorn would be our lives. Without developing and cultivating our social natures, how little can we know of the real joys of life, which we might possess by obedience to the dictates of our social natures.

"If the brethren, especially the officers, of our lodges would give more attention to the social features of Masonry, I have no doubt it would result in bringing us into closer and stronger bonds of fraternal love and friendship.

"As an Order we are dealing largely with the young men of our State and country, and herein we have spread out before us a great and grand field for moral improvement. Brethren, shall we occupy and cultivate it? We claim to be pre-eminently a moral institution, and while we are all proud of our great achievements in the past, let us press forward along this line of our work to yet grander and more glorious victories.

"God has endowed every human soul with moral capacities which should be cultivated with care, with zeal, with deep and earnest devotion.

"In the moral nature of man are found the strongest evidences of his immortality, of the ever-increasing beatitudes of glory which his capacities fit him to attain, and which are revealed in the sacred Scriptures as the destiny designed by God for his earthly children.

"This thought is a grand and glorious one, and should not be lost. The idea of immortal existence, blessed with the progressive attainments most calculated to advance its happiness and dignify and adorn its being, is one that the moral nature of man has ever delighted to cherish.

"When we think of the moral man as existing through all future ages beyond the shores of time and the dominion of death, as living when the magnificence of the material universe shall have faded away, we cannot but be awed into a deep, profound respect for this part of our common natures, and feel that no duty is more important and pressing on us as Masons than that which bids us cultivate the moral powers of our souls."

Nine new lodges were formed. Out of 555 lodges, 347 are insured. The average expense per inmate of their Masonic Home, including school supplies, electric light and telephone service, taxes and salaries, is about \$100. There are 62 inmates provided for.

The Grand Master of Iowa having determined to discontinue the Grand Representative system, and having cancelled the commission of their representative near Missouri, it was resolved that the commission of their representative near Iowa should be withdrawn.

They still have a lodge in Mexico and the Grand Master recommended that its charter be withdrawn. On this subject the following report was adopted:—

"We have, so far as the time at our disposal would allow, carefully considered the same, but owing to the want of documentary or other reliable evidence concerning the condition of Masonic affairs in the Republic of Mexico, we are unable to come to a final and satisfactory conclusion. If it were properly established that the Grand Body claiming to exercise Masonic jurisdiction in Mexico is a legally constituted and duly authorized Grand Lodge, our duty would be plain. This Grand Lodge would require Toltec Lodge to unite with said Grand Lodge, or we would revoke its charter. But this Committee has not sufficient information on this subject to form or express an opinion. We cannot require Toltec Lodge to join a Grand Organization of whose legality we are in doubt, or at least have not sufficient information to form a proper opinion.

"We fully recognize the spirit of comity in which we should act, and the courtesy due the Grand Organization claiming to act as Grand Lodge in Mexico, and if the question were the establishment of a new lodge in Mexico, we would unhesitatingly say 'no,' but while desiring to act in such a manner as will not conflict with the rights of any other Grand Masonic Body, we also recognize the duty of protecting the rights of lodges, owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge, so far as the same may be done in a just, lawful, and Masonic manner.

"We therefore recommend that the matter be referred to a special committee of three, who shall carefully examine the whole subject, obtain all possible information

with reference thereto, and report thereon at our next annual session, furnishing such facts as may come into their possession, and making such recommendations as may conduce to the welfare of Freemasonry, the honor of this Grand Lodge, and the preservation of harmony between us and all Masonic Bodies in the world."

The report on correspondence (172 pages) is the work of the Grand Secretary, who is one of the ablest writers we have. It has been proposed in Alabama to have a National Committee to settle the ritual for all the states. Commenting upon this, Bro. Vincil states:—

"This calls to mind the fact, learned by reading the history of the past, as well as personal conversation with those who participated in the gathering that in 1843 a conference was held in the city of Baltimore for the same purpose. Missouri was represented by two of her leading members at that time, namely Bros. Carnegie and Foster. A system of work was agreed upon and adopted in said conference, and our representatives returned and exemplified the work, as agreed upon, before the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the same was adopted. It was one of the amusements of some of us younger Masons for a number of years to hear these venerable teachers of the ritual, acquired in Baltimore, contend before the Grand Lodge *what was the work adopted*. After the lapse of years, the fluctuations of memory and language, it can hardly be expected that men declining in life should be verbally accurate as to the ritual. The disputes of these then considered Solons of Missouri Masonry convinced this writer of two things:

"First, that no national conference, congress or syndicate of men, can ever settle and permanently establish a uniform system of work, and perpetuate it in its perfection, in verbal form.

"Second, that every Grand Jurisdiction should be the custodian and dispenser of the ritual for its own membership. The essentials of Masonic Ritualism will never be lost. The incidentals are too insignificant to justify the efforts proposed by our Alabama brethren. Missouri has a ritual which, in the estimation of this writer, is unsurpassed by any in use in the Grand Lodges of this country, so far as my observation has extended, and that observation is not very limited. The beauty of our ritual is found in the purity and simplicity of the language employed to convey the inner thought peculiar to symbolism. There have been attempts to make innovations in our Missouri work, but they have not succeeded. I remember an attempt to correct a beautiful sentence connected with our work, which showed more of the straining at a gnat than was ever practiced by a Pharisee. Ignoring the well settled and universally accepted expression, that the 'sun rises in the East and that the sun sets in the West at the close of the day,' the effort was made to introduce the expression, 'As the sun is in the East at the opening of the day,' and 'As the sun is in the West at the closing of the day,' etc. The endeavor to incorporate that style of language was as abortive as it was useless. Personally, I have no objection to the proposed convention for the purpose of conferring together, whether it is according to the idea of our Alabama brethren, or the proposed Congress in Chicago, the idea of which originated in the Kentucky Grand Lodge. But beyond a mere conference, I protest, in the name of my own Grand Lodge against any attempts to fasten a national idea, plan, or method upon the separate and independent jurisdictions of this country."

Bro. Vincil says that the address of Grand Master Ross Robertson in 1891 shows breadth of view, depth of thought, and energy of purpose rarely found in a document emanating from the Grand East.

He challenges our figures as to the cost of running their Masonic Home. The actual cost was not given in the Proceedings, but the amount of \$15,000 is the sum mentioned by the Grand Master in his address as what would be the result of a fifty cent per capita contribution to raise a *sufficient* sum to maintain the Home. We did not say that they had paid out that sum for one year's maintenance, nor did we say that it costs more to keep the inmates at their Home than at a first-class hotel. Please do not misquote, Bro. Vincil.

In his review of Texas, Bro. Vincil has the following well-deserved condemnation of the foolish modern practice, prevailing in some quarters, of wearing robes:—

"Some (to be desired) to procure the modern togery known as 'robes' for the officers, the Grand Master regarded such purpose as a modern innovation in Blue Lodge Masonry. The committee on that subject pronounced the wearing of robes by the officers of the lodge not only 'unnecessary, but improper.' The declaration of the committee was that the proper Masonic clothing is the white leather apron or lamb-skin. I see from a note by the Grand Secretary that the report of the Committee on 'Robes' was not adopted. I have only to say on this subject that as Masonry long

since laid aside the idea of the 'operative art,' and deals only in symbolism, that there should be no robing or dressing up in Oriental style in our work. I tried not long since to confer the Master's Degree in the robes intended to represent King Solomon as presiding, with a heavy helmet crown upon my head and the modern millinery shop exhausted for robes, and resiled, when through with the work, never to be subject to such encumbrance again. I agree with the Texas committee that robing in a Masonic lodge is not only unnecessary, but an invention of very modern date."

Bro. Vincil again excels all others in the unexampled speed with which he gets out the Grand Lodge Proceedings. The Grand Lodge closed on the afternoon of October 13th, and he began mailing the Proceedings, a volume of 382 pages, on October 15th.

John R. Parson (St. Louis), G.M.

John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G.S.

MONTANA.

28th Communication, Deer Lodge, Sept. 21st, 1892.

R. O. Hickman, G. M.

On the subject of the uniformity of work, the G. M. says,—

"As you will remember, at our closing session of last year, after all business had been disposed of according to usual experience, and all the officers had been installed and many members had retired, the question was sprung, of repealing the Webb work adopted in 1887. The time and circumstances did not admit of a calm and dispassionate consideration of so important a question, nor had the lodges been consulted as to their preferences in the matter.

"By a majority vote the new work was discarded and the old re-adopted.

"As your Grand Master, it was my duty to support and enforce the law and execute your expressed wishes. But with still more unanimity before this vote was taken, you had approved our appointment of a Grand Lecturer, well known to be foremost in the adoption and dissemination of the new work, and after that vote you had adopted a resolution that Masters should continue to work as they were now doing, until otherwise instructed. What the old work was, no two could agree. The Virginia City lodge work was the only one ever officially adopted, and that had never been accurately defined or promulgated. Until the adoption of the new work in 1887, there had never been any compensation allowed to a Grand Lecturer for disseminating the work and it had not been done. Each W. M. worked as he had been taught in the jurisdiction whence he came. It is simple truth to say, that the old work was not a uniform work. It was more to secure uniformity than to introduce any new variety of work, we are satisfied, that induced the action of 1887, in adopting a work and providing a salaried lecturer to impart it.

"If your Grand Master had even thought he knew more of the correct ritual than Webb, Barney, and all the other Masonic teachers, ancient or modern, he would not have attempted to settle the question, what work you want and will have. That is the question this Grand Lodge must settle for itself. The nature and importance of this question demand this. It is a question too, that ought to be settled at the earliest practicable moment. The action of the last Grand Lodge brought the matter prominently before the attention of the lodges, and those of you in attendance here and now, are just as well able to dispose of it as any future Grand Lodge can be.

"I therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge appoint a time for the exemplification of the old and new work in each degree, and invite the champions to the contest, then take an intelligent and deliberate vote, and when done, call it the *Montana work* and have it worked and taught in all our lodges. If necessary to prolong our session another day, we are sure we can never do it with so little cost and trouble, or more happily dispose of a more prolific cause of contention.

"We are not disposed to place 'uniformity in work' as the foremost thing in masonry, as one of the weightier matters of our institution. We prefer peace and harmony to uniformity, and if we cannot have all together, then charity in its full meaning and measure is better than all the rest."

When this matter came up in the Grand Lodge, the special committee reported verbally and, as the result of many conferences and compromises, the following Constitutional amendment, having been clearly stated and explained, was finally adopted by a vote of 62 to 13.—

"The secret work known as the Webb work, with such modifications as have been stated and agreed upon in Grand Lodge, is hereby adopted as the standard work of this jurisdiction, and shall be known and designated as the *Montana Work*.

"The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Lecturer, shall be the custodians of said work; and they are empowered to obtain such work from the most reliable source, and are enjoined to preserve, perpetuate, and teach the same to those en-

titled to receive it. And all By-Laws, resolutions, or regulations heretofore adopted, in conflict with the provisions of this Article, are hereby repealed."

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. In his notice of Canada for 1891, he says:—

"We have examined the volume with considerable care, and feel great admiration for the executive ability, energy and zeal of Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson, whose reputation is as well founded as of wide extent. His address shows unwearied endeavor to sustain and advance masonic interests. His 66 reported decisions cover a wide range of subjects, many of which seem strange to us. As for instance, that a physician cannot be made an officer in a lodge. But we presume that all are in accordance with their law and usage.

"This Grand Lodge is strong in membership and resources as well as in its history and record for good deeds."

The ruling as to physicians was hardly worded properly. It was not the intention to debar members of a lodge who are physicians from their undoubted right to hold office. Such would be evidently absurd. It was simply meant to say, that a lodge could not add to the list of officers laid down in the Constitution, by creating another office, such as that of a "Lodge Physician." The same ruling would apply to a "Lodge Solicitor," or to any other office not recognized by Masonic law.

Bro. Hedges is down on the "robes," and says, that it is easier to imitate Solomon's robes than his wisdom.

Moses Morris, (Helena), G. M.

Cornelius Hedges, (Helena), G. S.

NEBRASKA.

35th Communication, Omaha, June 15th, 1892.

Bradner D. Slaughter, G. M.

Every lodge had made its returns, and every lodge but one had paid its annual dues. They have a rebate system for prompt payment. The gain in membership was 522.

In order to systematize the work of relief, the following amended by-law was passed:—

"That the secretary of each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall, in his annual report, as now required by law, include a report of all widows and children of deceased Master Masons in the Jurisdiction of his lodge, giving names, ages, financial circumstances, and present means of support, together with such other information relative thereto as shall be required by the Grand Master or Grand Secretary; such report shall also give name and date of death of deceased Master Mason, and name of lodge of which he was a member at date of his decease."

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. His review of Canada, for 1891, begins as follows:—

"Were it not that we have checked every other of the three hundred and forty pages of (too) small type in the pamphlet before us, we would like to emulate Grand Master Robertson and preach (?) a sermon (?) on his text at a corner-stone laying, 'To Masonry the public schools of any country have relationship.' The individual Freemasons of North America, as a rule, uphold the public schools, and, while we all know that no such thing could be, yet one of our Grand Lodges has been openly charged with formulating the Bennett law of Wisconsin. In Central and South America, our brethren are more directly engaged in educational work than we of the United States and Canada, and beyond seas still more thorough work in this direction is carried on by our Fraternity, if we are not misinformed."

After a capital condensation of our proceedings, he concluded as follows:—

"We have endeavored to convey to our Nebraska brethren some idea of our fellow 'Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.' It is earnest, intelligent, learned, active, and of high tension; it has an able, enthusiastic Grand Master, with a practical turn of mind, and withal the talent of adaptation—he never permits a good idea to escape him; the subordinate officers—they're a host—are efficient and industrious; and apparently every Freemason in Canada, from the youngest Apprentice to the Grand Master on the throne, believes in our Institution, tries to build it up, and tolerates no anarchists."

On one point, however, we must make a correction, or rather an apology. We do not claim that a Master may not invite another Master or Past Master to occupy the East and confer degrees. On the contrary, our practice has always been to allow such courtesy. We approved of the decision of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia that a suspended member could not visit, but we did not intend that approval to extend to the other decision quoted in the same paragraph.

Samuel P. Davidson, (Tecumseh), G.M.

William R. Bowen, (Omaha), G.S.

NEVADA.

28th Communication, Reno, June 14th, 1892.

Frank Bell, G. M.

Their work is not in good shape, as hardly any two lodges have the same ritual. On the state of the craft, the Grand Master says:

"The returns from constituent Lodges are not as satisfactory as we hoped they would be. We have conferred more degrees; the reinstatements are more, dismissals less, and receipts into the treasury greater than last year. The death-rate has been unusually heavy with us, and owing to business depression throughout the State, mines shut down and no employment to be obtained, the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues have been greater than for several years."

A special committee of seven was appointed on lodge work, to report at next meeting.

Bro. R. L. Fulton presented an excellent synopsis of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, including Canada, for 1891. He thus shows the difference between a Grand Lodge and a Grand Orient:

"A great majority of Masons consider that the terms of 'Grand Lodge' and 'Grand Orient' are merely different designations for bodies precisely the same in every respect, save that the former is a term peculiar to Free Masonry in English-speaking countries, and that the latter is only found in the Latin countries, or in countries which derived their system of Freemasonry from them. There is, however, a wide difference between them. A Grand Lodge is a supreme body created by the Lodges themselves, and endowed by them with full legislative and executive powers over the degree of Craft or Blue Masonry. It is composed of representatives of the Lodges, and has the ultimate decision on all matters affecting the Craft. It has no superior, and there is no appeal against its decisions. Far different is the case of the Grand Orient. It is a body, not composed of representatives of the Craft Lodges, but its members are nominated by a superior body composed of members of what are called the 'High Degrees,' and, although it has certain powers of directing the Lodges of Blue Masons, those powers are derived, not from the Lodges, but a higher ruling power. In a word, the ancient Blue Degrees are subservient to the governing bodies of grades which form no part of Ancient Craft Masonry."

But how about the Grand Orient of Italy? (See New Hampshire, *infra*, and also New York.)

John H. Hubbs, (Virginia), G. M.

C. N. Noteware, (Carson), G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

25th Communication, St. John, April 26th, 1892.

Thos Walker, G.M.

The Grand Master made a number of visitations, and returned much encouraged as to the condition of the Craft. Each lodge meets in a well-appointed hall of its own. They lost two Past Grand Masters during the year, Thomson Clinch and James McNichol. Kind words are spoken of our late Grand Treasurer, Edward Mitchell.

The Grand Lodge of Peru cannot at present be recognized.

The following resolution was passed:—

"Resolved, That the Board of General Purposes be authorized and empowered to issue from time to time Grand Lodge Certificates of indebtedness in sums of not less than \$500, for the purpose of redeeming present certificates of indebtedness as the same fall due, such certificates to bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per

annum, payable semi-annually, and to be payable from time to time at such times as the Board may by resolution determine."

The work was exemplified on actual candidates in the first and third degrees, the Grand Master officiating personally as Master.

Thomas Walker, M.D., (St. John), G.M.

Edwin J. Wetmore, (St. John), G.S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

103rd Communication, Concord, May 18th, 1892.

Frank D. Woodbury, G.M.

On the state of the Craft, he says :

"The year that has passed has been peaceful and prosperous, and although the increase in our membership has been small, still it has been as large as could well be expected, in view of the fact that there has been no large increase in the population of our jurisdiction. The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, which I submit herewith, show that harmony has prevailed, and we learn from the returns that thirty-nine of the Lodges have made a gain in membership, and that all but five have had work."

The committee to revise the Constitution were granted further time to report.

Delegates were appointed to the Congress at Chicago.

Bro. A. S. Wait has an excellent report on correspondence. He styles the address of our Grand Master, Ross Robertson, in 1891, as a paper of more than ordinary ability. We quote his review of Italy :—

"We have received through our Grand Secretary a circular letter addressed to Grand Masters, bearing the signature of AD LEMMI as Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, in which the writer says, among other things :

"I have the privilege to inform your Grand Lodge of the existence in Italy of a duly constituted Grand Lodge, which is called *Grand Orient, d'Italia*, and is recognized already by the Grand Lodges of Europe, and a great many others, as the unique and supreme governing body ruling over the Lodges existing in this kingdom and its colonies."

"As we wish to be in close and active relations with all the Grand Lodges of the world, we now appeal to your Grand Lodge for recognition and for an exchange of representatives."

"Accompanying this letter is an English translation of the constitution of the Grand Orient of Italy, which gives, we judge, a very complete idea of the organization of the grand body and its manner of working. It includes the three symbolic or Blue Lodge degrees, and the degrees of the Scottish Rite, as two distinct branches, each conducting its own affairs, and working independently each of the other, but both under the supreme government and control of the Grand Orient, which is supreme over the whole body of Masonry within the jurisdiction, and over the whole is one Grand Master, exercising the powers of that exalted office. Among some definitions of Masonry this constitution declares :

"It [Masonry] has the motto: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, and meets under the traditional cosmopolitan invocation '*to the GREAT ARCHITECT of the Universe.*'"

John Pender, (Portsmouth), G.M.

George P. Cleaves (Concord), G.S.

NEW JERSEY.

106th Communication, Trenton, January 25th, 1893.

Thomas W. Tilden, G.M.

Peace, harmony and prosperity have been their portion during the year. Twelve District Grand Lodges of Instruction were held. There is a marked improvement in the returns of the lodges, and this is attributed to the very simple and concise forms prepared by the Grand Secretary.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"Resolved, That when a candidate for initiation has been balloted for and rejected, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to report promptly to the Grand Secretary the name and address of the person so rejected, and the Grand Secretary shall record, in the book in which are the records of suspensions and expulsions, the

names and addresses of all rejected candidates for initiation, with the names and the numbers of the Lodges by which they have been rejected."

Bro. Henry Vehslage reports on correspondence. Numerous extracts are given from the address of our Grand Master Ross Robertson in 1892 and his record is styled a most remarkable one.

James H. Durand (Rahway), G.M.

Thomas H. R. Redway (Trenton), G.S.

NEW MEXICO.

15th Communication, Albuquerque, October 3rd, 1892.

Richard English, G.M.

All is encouraging for the present and promising for the future. The number of members has greatly increased during the past year. The Grand Master decided that it was illegal to use any of the so-called keys or cipher books.

A new development appears in the representative system. Our understanding of this matter is that the Grand Representative of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico should be appointed by the Grand Master of Michigan, but in New Mexico they reverse the operation. The Grand Master says:—

"The position of Grand Representative of Michigan being vacant, I have, at the suggestion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. P. Innes, appointed P. G. M. F. H. Kent, their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge."

The following resolutions were passed:—

"Resolved, That no Mason of this jurisdiction shall sell, offer for sale, buy, or in any manner do any circulating, (or use) any printed documents in cypher as a *Ritual* of any part of the first three degrees in symbolic Masonry, under the penalty of any punishment which may be imposed under the constitution of this Grand Lodge, for gross un-masonic conduct."

"Resolved, That no Mason shall sell, offer for sale, circulate or use anything purporting to be a copy of secret Ritual of the first three symbolic degrees of Masonry, whether in cypher or not, under the penalty of any punishment authorized by the By-Laws."

Bro. Max Frost reports on correspondence. Canada, for 1892, receives due mention. New Mexico is probably the only jurisdiction that allows Past Wardens to represent their lodges in Grand Lodge in addition to the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens, and Bro. Frost says that, as they have now a sufficient membership, their custom, both as to Past Masters and Past Wardens, should be discontinued.

J. H. Kuhns (Albuquerque), G.M.

Alpheus A. Keen (Albuquerque), G.S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Quarterly Communication, Sydney, Sept. 9th, 1891.

In the report of the Board of General Purposes we find that recognition has been received from the Grand Lodge of Hesse.

The annual festival netted \$165.

A letter was received from a brother in Fiji asking whether the Grand Lodge would grant a charter for a lodge there. The Board replied that it was not desirable at present to establish lodges outside of their own colony and its dependencies.

Annual Communication, Sydney, June 27th, 1892.

The Earl of Jersey, G.M.

In his address, he says:—

"But, brethren, we must never be content with letting our oars rest upon the water—we must do all we possibly can to row our boat—we must never be content to sit still, but be always up and doing something to press forward the true principle which lie at the root of Masonry. But as this is not an occasion for me to deliver an oration on the value of Masonry, I should like to call your attention to the great strides forward which we have made during the last year. We have initiated something like

1,726 new brethren, and when we consider that since the creation of our Grand Lodge we have initiated over 5,000 brethren, there can be no one to deny that that move was one in the right direction.

"We have only to go on as we are doing now, and we shall make Masonry of still greater importance than it is even now in the history of New South Wales. We have an army—if I may call a peaceful fraternity an army—of something between 9,000 and 10,000 brethren, and we know that no man can become a brother without his being able to carry out the obligations ; to undertake obligations of a serious and important character. Well, we have this large army of 9,000 or 10,000 men, which must be doing a great deal to lighten life in New South Wales. We are all anxious to do all we possibly can to elevate the tone of private and public life—and Masonry truly understood can do a great deal in this direction. But we cannot expect that we shall see any startling results ; it is its silent influence which it relies upon which is of so much importance, and it is that silent influence which we believe can exist over the lives and history of a people.

"Brethren, let us determine that as far as lies in the power of each one of us, that we will be true to our principles—that we will do whatever we possibly can to make the lives of those amongst whom we live purer, and happier, and brighter. If we do so, we shall be acting up to the highest principles of the Order, and there is no one who will have any cause for regret."

The Annual Communication appears to be sole'y for the installation of Grand Officers, all the regular bus'ness being transacted at the four quarterly meetings. Six new lodges were formed during the year. They have about 190 lodges and 8,425 members.

The Grand Inspector of Workings, who visits and instructs the lodges, reports a very marked improvement in the working of the lodges and a great desire on the part of the officers and brethren to cheerfully administer the constitution and ritual.

The Earl of Jersey (Sydney), G.M.

Arthur H. Bray (Sydney), G.S.

NEW YORK.

111th Communication, New York, June 7th, 1892.

William Sherer, G.M.

The Proceedings of this immense jurisdiction cover nearly 400 pages of closely printed matter, and it is very difficult to make a proper selection where there is so much of interest to report. On the subject of jurisdiction the Grand Master says :—

"I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the frequent invasion of jurisdictional lines. This, I have no doubt, arises from a lack of knowledge of the law on this subject, and carelessness in the performance of their duty by the officers and investigating committees. The violation of the statutes governing in this matter has led to discord and confusion in the Craft on several occasions. Lodges at fault have deemed it a sufficient *amende* to pay to the lodge whose jurisdiction they have invaded the amount of the initiation fee. This seems to me to be an undignified course. Masonic material should not be treated in a commercial sense. The jurisdiction of a lodge over candidates is not given as a property right or chose in action, but is given that the lodge may act as a committee of the vicinage to ascertain the fitness of a candidate to become a Mason ; hence the initiation of a candidate by a lodge that has not jurisdiction, without a full and complete waiver given by the lodge within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides, is a serious error ; and, unless it can be shown that the officers and members of the offending lodge have been deceived, invasions of jurisdiction should meet with our severest condemnation. In this connection I desire to call your attention to a circumstance of recent occurrence, to the end that more caution may be observed in accepting candidates for affiliation from foreign jurisdictions.

"Complaint was made by the Grand Lodge of Canada, that a lodge in this city had affiliated a person holding a dimit from a lodge under the jurisdiction of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, and that, subsequent to his affiliation here, he visited a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, where his identity was established as a former member of a clandestine or spurious lodge in the Province of Ontario. After a full and careful examination, I found that the lodge in this city referred to in the complaint had affiliated this person, without, however, being aware of the true standing of the body from which he had been dimitted. I immediately caused an order to be issued directing the lodge to summarily drop his name from the roll, and to forward to the Grand Secretary the dimit upon which he had been affiliated. This order was willingly and cheerfully complied with, and the dimit has been transmitted, with the action of the lodge endorsed thereon, to the Grand Lodge of Canada."

Representatives have been exchanged with the Grand Lodges of Tasmania and Victoria.

Astor Lodge of New York has collected during the year every dollar of dues from the membership, and there is not a brother on its rolls in arrears. It has 105 members, and a Charity Fund of over \$1,000.

There are 28 lodges in New York and Brooklyn working in the German language. Twenty-two of these lodges keep up a "Home" at Tappan, which has now 17 inmates. They say it is a great satisfaction to be able to comfort the declining years of those who have labored for them in the past.

We copy the remarks of Bro. Sherer on the Asylum at Utica, of which a beautiful engraving is given in the proceedings:—

"THE MASONIC HALL IN NEW YORK CITY.

"As is known by all, the rentals from this Hall are the revenue and main support for the Asylum and School at Utica. It is therefore proper that the Grand Lodge should take into consideration the advisability of adopting such measures as may be thought best for the preservation of the building, and a continuance, if not an increase, of the revenue from this source. There is a demand for increased accommodations in the building, both from the present tenants and from lodges desiring rooms therein. Whether the time has now arrived for Grand Lodge to expend any considerable sum in order to make the Hall more secure from fire than it is now thought to be, and to provide the accommodations that seem to be demanded, is one of the questions which I ask you to consider at this session. The desire so frequently expressed by many of the Lodges in this city, for an increase of the capacity of this building, is not merely to gratify their taste for architectural display, but as a business proposition; there being a demand for accommodations, which, if we can supply at a cost within our means, will not only insure us an additional income, but will protect that we already have.

"RESERVE FUND.

"In order that a reserve fund of at least three hundred thousand dollars may be provided to guard against an emergency that may arise, whereby our income may be lessened and we be unable to provide for all those under our care, I recommend that not more than seventy-five per cent. of the net revenue from the Hall be expended in any one year for any purpose, until said fund of three hundred thousand dollars has been accumulated.

"ASYLUM AND SCHOOL.

"I congratulate you, my Brethren, on the near completion of the Asylum and School, which has been the dream and hope of the Craft for more than forty years. Through your untiring labors, and under the leadership and direction of M. W. Bro. Lawrence, aided by his associates, it has at last become a reality. The Egyptian darkness of debt, the Red Sea of doubt, and the wilderness of conflicting opinions have at last been safely passed, and we are in full view of the Promised Land of our fondest hopes and aspirations. Standing in simple beauty on a broad plateau, surrounded by hills clothed in living verdure, and overlooking the peaceful and historical valley of the Mohawk, is our Masonic Home.

"Brethren, we have just reason to be proud of this building, not alone for its architecture and location, but for the additional reason that it is a tangible expression and visible outcome of the true Masonic spirit that marks the beginning of a useful period in the history of Freemasonry in the State of New York. We have ever been actuated by charitable thoughts and kind wishes for the distressed and needy. But our charitable thoughts and kind wishes, unless given ultimate expression in substantial form, are like the talents hidden in a napkin by him of old and returned to the Master without increase and of little or no use to the possessor.

"At the last session of the Grand Lodge the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund were requested to present for your consideration at this session a report upon the plan and scope of the Home. I ask you to consider well their report and bring to the subject your best judgment. The Craft in the State is about to begin the work of carrying on organized charity, and, owing to the great number of intelligent and earnest men composing the Masonic Fraternity, much will be expected from us by the community at large. We are not engaged in this good work, however, simply to gain the approval and praise of any one. A sense of duty, love and the sweet consciousness of helping the orphan to become a useful citizen, and the satisfaction caused by comforting the closing days of those who have borne the burden of life until broken by the load, must be our highest earthly reward. As we labor unselfishly in this work, so shall we lay up treasure in heaven.

"Let us not halt by the wayside or turn back in the path of duty, but press on, and aid by our personal interest and active efforts the welfare of this our first organized Masonic charity.

"UTICA.

"Before closing this address, I desire to call your attention to the liberality of the authorities and citizens of Utica, in building a handsome bridge and opening a broad avenue from the city to our grounds, at a cost of over sixty thousand dollars. This liberality, in connection with the contribution of thirty thousand dollars originally made by the citizens of Utica toward the purchase of the site, is an evidence of neighborly kindness and practical help that merits our grateful appreciation."

The Grand Secretary is a most efficient officer and he receives a well-merited compliment from the Grand Master. Bro. Ehlers succeeded in getting the returns from every one of the 723 lodges in the jurisdiction. The receipts during the year were over \$70,000.

Bro. Charles T. McClenachan is the historian of the Grand Lodge. His industry and ability, coupled with the exercise of rare good judgment and sound critical acumen have placed in the hands of his brethren a most complete and comprehensive History of Freemasonry in New York. His report for 1892 is as follows:—

"The Historian of the Grand Lodge submits the result of his labors to the present time.

"The course originally determined upon of presenting the History of Freemasonry in New York in three distinct divisions has been adhered to.

"The *First Division*, relating to Masonry anterior to the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1781, is embraced in the first volume. The *Second Division*, being devoted to the Grand Lodge from 1781 to the present date, includes its legislation and incidental action; brief biographical sketches of many of its prominent officers; the difficulties that divided the fealty of its members on four noted occasions; its diplomacy in its connection with domestic and foreign Masonic Grand Bodies; its combats with fanaticism and political entanglements; its relationship to the education of the young, and the care of the poor and distressed, and the grandeur of its harmonious position at the present day. This division embraces three volumes. The *Third Division* will contain an historical account of the present 723 lodges, as well as that of the lodges that have from time to time become defunct from varied and unavoidable causes.

"At present, *three volumes are complete*—the third being ready for the bindery—and bring the History of the Grand Lodge down to the year 1860, leaving the fourth volume to contain the historical account from that period to 1892; this last volume, it is anticipated, will be completed before another Communication of the Grand Lodge.

"Should it so occur that the Third Division, or historical account of the individual lodges, should not be deemed essential, 'History of Masonry in New York' would in the main be complete in itself, covering over a century and a half of time.

"It will be found in those portions of the history pertaining to divisions of sentiment and judgment among the brethren in the past decades, whereon they formed organizations independent of each other, the historian has permitted each side to state its own views held in the case and its supporting testimony, at the expense of space, and even at times in strong expressions of rivalry.

"The work will be found divided into chapters covering ten years each, the second volume containing five chapters, or from 1781 to 1831; the third volume containing three chapters, or from 1831 to 1861; and the fourth volume will continue the history to the present day.

"The historian has reason to believe that, by his diligent search, so far as the records go, and such verbal and written testimony as he could procure, there are but few Masonic incidents of note that have occurred within the period of the existence of the Grand Lodge that will not be found within the covers of these volumes.

"The historian trusts his labor will prove satisfactory to the Grand Body, and that the diligent care he has taken in his work may prove a source of continuous information to those who justly entertain great pride in the magnitude and honorable position held and maintained by the united Fraternity of our State."

It was decided to eliminate from the ritual all allusions sectarian in their character.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is very interesting. It recommends the recognition of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary for the reasons given below. The Grand Orient of Italy and the Independent Spanish Grand Lodge of Seville are also dealt with in the same report:—

"The Standing Committee on Jurisprudence submits the following report on matters referred to it for consideration:—

"*First*, Application of the 'Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary' for recognition and an exchange of representatives.

"Upon careful investigation, we learn that 'The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary' was organized March 21st, 1886, and by the last published report had forty-one subordinate St. John lodges with a membership of 2,091.

"Her authority is absolute and undisputed in the territory she occupies, and has been recognized by and exchanged representatives with all the German Grand Lodges, and with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, and others.

"Being satisfied with the regularity of its organization, we recommend that 'The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary' be fully recognized by this Grand Lodge, and their request for an exchange of representatives be complied with.

"*Second*, The Grand Orient of Italy renews its application for recognition and an exchange of representation.

"The papers presented, together with a translation of portions of its constitutions, do not change the opinion of your committee as reported to the Grand Lodge at our last Annual Communication declining their application.

"We find that this Grand Orient is composed of a 'Supreme Council of the 33' of the Scottish rite and the Symbolic Grand Lodge for the Symbolic rite,' and Sec. 12 of their General Constitutions declares that

"Masonic sovereignty lies with the Masonic people as a whole, and is exerted for the Government of the three first degrees by the ordinary or extraordinary legislative or constitutive assemblies, composed of the representative of all the lodges of *both rites*, active and regularly working."

"Sec. 17 provides that charters for the lodges of both rites are granted exclusively by the Grand Orient.

"This fully confirms the opinion of your Committee as expressed last year, that this Grand Orient is a conglomerate body, composed of a 'Supreme Council of 33' of the A. and A.S. Rite and the Symbolic Grand Lodge of the Symbolic Rite,' and is the governing body of lodges of the first three degrees in *either or both rites*.

"We find in the report of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence of 1892, that no direct communication of their proceedings has been received from them, but we find from our exchanges that from the last reports the 'Grand Orient of Italy at Rome' comprises 132 St. John subordinate lodges.

"Whenever these subordinate lodges unite in forming a Grand Lodge entirely separate from and independent of the Supreme Council of the A.A.S. Rite, or any other rite than symbolic Masonry, this Grand Lodge will cheerfully receive them into the family of independent Grand Lodges and exchange representatives; but we are not prepared to recommend a recognition of the Grand Orient composed of bodies of other rites than Symbolic Masonry.

"*Third* The Independent Spanish Grand Lodge Sevilla, Spain, again applies for recognition and exchange of representatives.

"No additional evidence as to the formation of this body is furnished us, and we can only repeat the decision of this Grand Body, made in 1884 and 1887, 'that there appears a grave question as to the regularity of the formation of said body as a Grand Lodge, no evidence being furnished except its own assertion.'

"We have, as yet, nothing to warrant a positive opinion or justify your Committee in recommending favorable consideration of their application for recognition as a Grand Lodge, and exchange of representation.

"When our Spanish brethren furnish this Grand Lodge with full information of the manner and mode of their formation, if found to be regular we shall be glad to recommend their full recognition.

"We recommend that the subject be referred to the Grand Master, with power to recognize them and exchange representatives whenever he is furnished with satisfactory evidence of their regular and legal formation."

Bro. Jesse B. Anthony is the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. On the right of a visitor to see the charter, he says:—

"While it may be admitted a visitor, before submitting to an examination, has the *right to demand* (?) the sight of the Charter of the lodge, it is also equally well established that it is entirely discretionary with the lodge to accede to the request. A visitor should satisfy himself in advance of the regularity of the lodge he is about to visit, and it is well to recollect that he is granted that privilege through the courtesy of the lodge. Some of the brethren draw pretty fine lines occasionally: for instance, the inquiry whether 'during the temporary removal of the Charter from the lodge room, while the lodge is at labor, should necessitate the cessation of such labor?' Certainly not."

We fully agree with the above, but it is only a few years since the lodges in Buffalo were accustomed to "call off" whenever a visitor

requested to see the Charter. It was framed and hung up on the wall of the lodge room and when demanded, it was brought out to the ante-room and duly inspected. Then it was brought back and hung up in its place again and the lodge was then "called on." This performance would sometimes be gone through with several times during the same evening, until it was ruled that the ante-room was as much a part of the lodge as the lodge room itself.

Our proceedings for 1891 receive kindly mention.

In the Statistical Tables we find very interesting matter, but we have space only for the following :—

"Based upon the Tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, that :

The accession by new work has been 6.38 per cent.

The additions by affiliations and restoration 3.33 per cent.

The losses by death are 1.53 per cent.

The losses from non-payment of dues equal 2.02 per cent.

The net gain of the year (22,298) is equal to 3.46 per cent.

"In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order: New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri, Indiana, Texas, Iowa, etc.

"The average of membership to each lodge is greatest in the following: District of Columbia (183), Connecticut (141), Massachusetts (140), Rhode Island (116), Maine (109), New Hampshire (109), New York (108) Pennsylvania (167), etc.

"The jurisdictions having lodges of the largest membership are in the following order: Connecticut (576), Illinois (555), New York (546), Michigan (540), Colorado (531), Minnesota (525), Pennsylvania (453), California (442), Ohio (437), Massachusetts (432), District of Columbia (402) Rhode Island (401), etc. * * *

"New York has 75,775 Master Masons, a proportion of *one* to each 79.15 of its population of 5,997,853.

"Of this number of Master Masons, 16,182 are Royal Arch Masons, a ratio of *one* Royal Arch Mason to every 4.68 of Master Masons (equal to 21.35 per cent.).

"In the Chivalric Order of 8,663 are Knight Templars, which is in the ratio of *one* Knight Templar to every 8.74 Master Masons (equal to 11.43 per cent.) or *one* Knight Templar to every 1.86 Royal Arch Masons (equal to 53.53 per cent.).

"In the Cryptic Rite, with a membership of 2,867 we find *one* to every 5.39 Royal Arch Masons and that of Knight Templars *one* in every 2.92 are Council members.

Bro. William Sherer was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, but declined a second term.

James Ten Eyck, (Albany), G. M.

E. M. L. Ehlers, (New York), G. S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

3rd Communication, Grand Forks, June 28th, 1892.

John F. Selby, G.M.

The lodges are in first-class condition and a new lodge was opened at Hamilton. The gain in membership was 15, bringing the total membership up to 1732.

Bro. W. G. Bell, P.G.M., of Manitoba, was present and made a few timely and well-chosen remarks.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"WHEREAS, We are taught to venerate the sublime principles as illustrated in the lives of those two eminent patrons of Masonry, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Body that every Subordinate Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction should, as a Body, attend public worship on the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th; or if preferred, on the Sunday nearest said day in each year, and then offer up their devotion to the Grand Architect of the Universe, our Supreme Grand Master."

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas J. Wilder.

Canada for 1891 receives due notice.

Albert B. Herrick, (Lisbon), G. M.

Frank J. Thompson, (Fargo), G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

27th Communication, Amherst, June 8th, 1892.

Charles J. Macdonald, G.M.

The Grand Master appears to have performed his duties in no perfunctory manner. The Craft is prosperous and harmonious. In the opening paragraphs of the address, we find the following interesting historical references:—

"Previous to 1866, the territory being unoccupied by a Grand Lodge of its own, was open to other jurisdictions and consequently the Subordinate Lodges in this Province held Charters from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and District and Provincial Grand Lodges of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland met once a year to regulate such local matters as were relegated to them by their mother Grand Lodges, but although we met under different banners and under different names, yet we were all actuated by one desire to forward the interest of our beloved Craft and promote the cardinal virtues thereof.

"In 1866 the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was formed, and for the past twenty-six years we have met in Annual Communication.

"Whatever were the causes leading up to the severance of our allegiance with our good old Mother Grand Lodges of England and of Scotland, and the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, we must all admit that for the good of the Craft and the prosperity of the Order the change has been a beneficial one. It has enabled us to exercise supreme control over this Masonic Jurisdiction, giving to us the right to legislate for our own good, and to harmonize the workings of the several Lodges ensuring uniformity of work and government, and without any danger of conflict of constitution or jurisdiction, which must have inevitably resulted with the increased prosperity of the Order under its former jurisdiction, but whilst we do not hold allegiance to those Grand Lodges, we hold the most intimate and cordial fraternal relations with them.

"The history of these grand old Lodges form a part of the history of our Grand Lodge, and it is a source of pleasure to us when looking back over their Masonic history to feel that it is also a part of our Masonic history—to feel that some of England's noblest dead saw their first Masonic light in Lodges now working under this Grand Lodge.

"It was in the City of Halifax, in St. John Lodge, now No. 2, where Sir John Moore first entered on his Masonic career, receiving the three degrees of Masonry in that Lodge and signing the bye-laws in 1781, and from the fact that he afterwards became Master of one of the Military Lodges in connection with a regiment in the garrison at Halifax, it must be inferred that he took an interest in the Craft; and in looking at the signature of the young captain of the 82nd, when it was written, who would then have supposed that his deeds of valor would be sung in poetic verse by generations then unborn in every country in which the English language was spoken, and the hero of Corunna lives in poetic verse quite as well as his deeds are inscribed on the marble monument erected by the House of Commons to his memory in St. Paul's Cathedral, or that erected in his native town of Glasgow by his friends and countrymen.

"Virgin Lodge boasts of having as a member our own Sir Provo Wallace, the Lodge of which both his father and grandfather were members, and to the bye-laws of that Lodge is appended the signature of the young Lieutenant of the Navy who was destined to take so active a part in one of the most celebrated of England's naval engagements. Sir Provo Wallace was a Mason of the old school; he delighted to talk of his old Masonic associates. In connection with the naval engagement between the Shannon and Chesapeake it is known that a strong personal friendship was formed between the young first Lieutenant of the Shannon and an officer of the Chesapeake which ended only at the death of the American officer, which occurred a few years later, a friendship which, as Sir Provo afterwards explained, was commenced under the most extraordinary circumstances. After the bloody affray was over both knelt beside a dying brother, a sailor of the Chesapeake, to minister to his wants and smooth as far as possible his passage to that bourne from whence no traveller returns.

"In looking over the records of the many Lodges in this Province that have passed their centenary point, the names of many illustrious brethren appear—men who have adorned the Councils of our country. Men whose eloquence has been listened to in the Legislative Halls of our own as well as our mother country. Men who in the field and on the sea have added lustre to the arms of England. Men who have left their mark behind them and whose names will be revered by future generations. I trust that our older Lodges, such as St. Andrew's, with its 124 years of unbroken existence, and its carefully preserved records; of St. John, with its 112 years complete history; of Virgin, with its 110 years, and St. George, with its 112 years of existence, will have published a resume of their history. Such a work must prove a benefit not only to Masonry but in a historical point of view, and be of interest, as so much of Masonic history is interwoven with the early political and social history of our country.

"As an evidence of the close fraternal relation existing between the Grand Lodge of England and our own, we have to-day a Lodge working in the city of Halifax under a charter from the Grand Lodge of England, and owing allegiance to her only. I refer to the Royal Standard Lodge, composed principally of men who have been or are now in the Imperial Service. This Lodge works the English ritual and is one of the best lodges in Nova Scotia. I have visited them on several occasions and assisted at the installation of their Officers, and have always been most kindly received by them."

The privilege of wearing gold instead of silver on their lodge regalia was granted to St. Andrews Lodge, Halifax, it having been 125 years in existence. We also notice that the Grand Lodge had previously granted permission to Virgin Lodge, Halifax, to wear white regalia instead of blue. We have had a little experience in this jurisdiction in matters of that kind, and it has not been of such a nature as to lead us to desire to continue it. The members of lodges thus honored and made distinctive, are very apt to assume a 'more-holier-than-thou' sort of air over the members of the other lodges, and to think themselves of more importance in consequence of their distinctive mark, whereas in work and in practical Masonic usefulness, they may be sadly deficient, and much inferior to those they assume to look down upon. We regard the conferring of these unmeritorious distinctions as a mistake, and if our Grand Lodge had now the opportunity of revising their actions in that regard, we are confident that no such permission would be granted. We should "meet on the level."

The Grand Secretary has an excellent report on correspondence, and he gives our Proceedings of 1891 a good notice.

Duncan C. Fraser, (New Glasgow), G. M.

William Ross, (Halifax), G.S.

OHIO.

83rd Communication, Springfield, Oct. 19th, 1892.

Levi C. Goodale, G.M.

The Grand Master congratulates the brethren that the awakening interest and revival of the work in all portions of the State has resulted in largely increased numbers and a higher standard of ethics. Many lodges have built new halls, and the finances are in better condition. He refused four dispensations for new lodges and granted three others. The work of visitation is so great, and the territory is so large, that fifteen lecturers are found to be insufficient. On their irregular Masons, he says :—

"The action of the seceders at Worthington last year, and the course pursued towards them by this Grand Lodge, has attracted the attention of other Jurisdictions, The action of this Grand Lodge has been invariably sustained.

"One of the outgrowths of the Worthington disaffection was Franklin Lodge in Columbus ; the officers of this organization claiming to be Masonic, have, in their efforts to proselyte and increase their membership, held out, I am told, the inducement that members of their organization would be admitted into regular Lodges of Masons throughout the State, and I was further informed that in one or more cases, parties hailing from Franklin Lodge were admitted into Lodges in this State. * * *

"It should be the imperative duty of every loyal Mason throughout the State to discountenance these impostors upon every occasion. This organization, claiming to be Masons, has not even the claim which colored Masons have ; for they do have some claim to respectable lineage, but are prevented by our Constitutions, and by social prejudices from recognition, but this cabal, like its prototype the mule, is rebellious, and has neither 'pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity.'"

For their Masonic Home, \$104,000 has been subscribed. Gen. Asa Bushnell was particularly active in the work, and the Grand Master made him a Mason "at sight":—

"Among those who were most enthusiastic in the work of raising money for the Masonic Home was General Asa Bushnell. Although not a member of the Order, but entertaining great admiration for it, he freely gave of his means, and by his example induced many others to contribute to this great undertaking. No one, Mason or pro-

fane, rejoiced more than he over the prospect of a Masonic Home in this State. He engaged in this work without any expectancy of sharing in its benefits.

"The members of the Craft in Springfield besought me to make him a Master Mason, and the membership of both Lodges in Springfield assured me that, in appreciation of their love for the man, they would make him an honorary member of each Lodge.

"Upon making personal inquiry, I found him to have a deep affection for the Order, and that he stood as a man of probity and morality, a good citizen in all the world implies, and I consented to the petition of the Brethren, and on last evening, October 18th, 1892, by virtue of my prerogative, I made him a Mason, and commend him to you as a brother."

We are glad to notice that Bro. Goodale is firmly convinced that the issue of dispensations to Masonic lodges to participate in street parades with civic societies is, as a rule, harmful to the interests of Masonry. On this subject, the Grand Lodge decided that lodges should not be permitted to appear in public as lodges except for purposes strictly Masonic.

On the afternoon of the first day of the session, the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield with full ceremonies, over 2,000 Masons being present.

On the second day a distinguished visitor was present in the person of M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M. of Canada, who was received with all the honors, and made a suitable response.

A most meritorious act was performed in granting a salary of \$500 per year to their Emeritus Grand Secretary, Bro. John D. Caldwell, who had been Grand Secretary for more than 30 years, and who had impoverished himself by his devotion to Masonry, and now in his old age was without the means of support.

On the subject of the recognition of foreign Grand Lodges, the report of the committee on foreign correspondence was adopted. This report recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge "Alpina" of Switzerland and the Grand Orient of Italy; defers the application of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand in accordance with the comity due to the three Mother Grand Lodges; defers the application of the Grand Symbolic Diet of Mexico for further information, and has the following on the Grand Lodge League of Germany and other Continental bodies:—

"They find that this is a Sovereign Grand Body, formed by the Grand Masters and Representatives of the following German Grand Bodies, viz.:

"1. Grand Lodge of Three Globes ('Zu den drei Weltkugeln') at Berlin.

"2. Grand Lodge ('Grosse Landes-Loge') of Free Masons of Germany, at Berlin.

"3. Grand Lodge Royal York ('Zur Freundschaft') at Berlin.

"Grand Lodge of Hamburg. (The Grand Lodge of Hamburg, on account of its invasions of American territory, is not recognized by this and other Grand Lodges in the United States.)

"5. Grand Lodge of Saxony, at Dresden.

"6. Grand Lodge 'Eclectic Union,' at Frankfort-on-the-Main.

"7. Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' at Bayreuth.

"8. Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht,' at Darmstadt, in the Grand Duchy of Hesse.

"These Grand Lodges having, by the establishment of, or their membership in, the League, surrendered or waived certain rights pertaining to independent Grand Bodies, they cannot now be considered as Independent and Sovereign Grand Bodies: hence as stated in one of their recent enactments, 'it is sufficient if each recognized non-German Grand Body shall have a Representative near the Grand Lodge League.' Again, it is stated that the matter of recognition of non-German Grand Lodges, and exchange of Representatives by any one or more of the eight Grand Lodges, must also in the future 'be submitted for the action of the Grand Lodge League.'

"For these reasons it is obvious that any exchange of Representatives with a y one or more of the eight Grand Lodges, as such, upon the part of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, would be out of place, neither one of said Bodies, as above stated, being now an Independent Sovereign Grand Body.

"Whilst it would be eminently proper and desirable for an exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge League of Germany, as a Sovereign and Independent Grand Body as constituted, yet your Committee could not recommend formal recognition and exchange of Representatives with it upon the part of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, until assured that said Grand Lodge League does not now recognize the so called Colored Grand Lodge of Ohio, and exchange representation therewith as represented in 1875.

"Your Committee therefore recommend that the matter of formal recognition and exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge League of Germany be, and is hereby referred to the M. W. Grand Master, with power to act, if the assurance necessary, as above mentioned, is received officially by him.

"Having also had under consideration the same subject relating to the Grand Lodge of Denmark, at Copenhagen; the Grand Orient of the Netherlands; the Grand Lodge of Hungary, for the Symbolic Degrees at Buda-Pesth; and the Grand Lodge of Sweden, at Stockholm,—they find that each and all of them are Independent and Sovereign Grand Bodies, and are as such entitled, on their application therefor, to formal recognition and exchange of Representatives upon the part of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"Your Committee therefore recommend that the subject matter of the formal recognition and exchange of Representatives, if desired upon their part, between the above named Grand Bodies and this Grand Lodge be, and is hereby, referred to the M. W. Grand Master, with power to act."

The extended report on correspondence (300 pages) is again by Bro. W. M. Cunningham, who is one of the ablest members of the corps. Canada for 1891 receives most kindly attention, and numerous extracts are given.

Allen Andrews, (Hamilton), G.M.

J. H. Bromwell, (Cincinnati), G.S.

OKLAHOMA.

Pursuant to previous notice issued by M. W. Bro. Leo E. Bennett, Grand Master of Indian Territory, a convention of representatives of the Lodges in Oklahoma Territory was held at Oklahoma City on Nov. 10th, 1892. There were ten lodges in Oklahoma Territory, all holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. All these ten Lodges were represented in the convention, and they were unanimous in deciding that a separate Grand Lodge should be formed. The convention was presided over by M. W. Bro. Bennett, and the proceedings were taken regularly and in due form. The constitution of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was adopted with the necessary alterations, tellers were appointed and the officers duly elected.

A special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was then held for the purpose of installing the officers of the new Grand Lodge, and the action of the convention was confirmed and ratified.

The new Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form, and the following resolutions, among others, were adopted:—

"Resolved, That in now establishing ourselves under an independent jurisdiction and severing our connection with the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, we assure the members thereof of our most sincere, fraternal and kindly feeling toward them, and that as a daughter of that Grand Lodge we shall retain for our honorable mother the warmest love and affection and kindest remembrance of her watchful care during our infancy. For our last Grand Master, M. W. Leo E. Bennett, we especially express the high esteem in which we hold him as a man and a brother, and hereby tender him our most sincere thanks for the many favors and kindnesses received at his hands, and for his efficient and earnest co-operation in our establishment as a separate organization among the Grand Lodges of the world. May his designs upon life's trestle board be fully completed."

"Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction be, and the same are hereby newly numbered, commencing with Anadarko, the oldest lodge in the territory, as number one, and numbering consecutively therefrom in the order of the respective ages of said lodges, and that each lodge be given the right to change its name." * * *

"Resolved, That the charters issued by the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory to the subordinate lodges of the Oklahoma district of said Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby reissued by the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as the charters of said Grand Lodge, and the several lodges aforesaid are hereby directed to forward their charters to the Grand Secretary for indorsement thereon of such reissue."

We cordially welcome this new Grand Lodge and trust that they may have a long and happy career of usefulness.

August J. Spengel (Guthrie), G.M.

James S. Hunt (Stillwater), G.S.

1893.

First Communication, El Reno, February 14th, 1893.

August J. Spengel, G.M.

Since the organization of this new Grand Lodge in November, 1892, the Grand Master has been actively engaged in properly equipping the youngster, so that due recognition and reception might be accorded. He issued one dispensation for a new lodge and has another application in hand. The Charters of most of the lodges have been re-issued in accordance with the resolution previously adopted.

A ritualistic work was prepared and fully exemplified in each degree, and, after a few amendments, was adopted.

A proposal to allow lodges to confer the degrees on Ministers of the Gospel free of charge was very properly rejected.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

“Resolved, That Section 19 of Article VIII. be amended by adding to said section the following: ‘Provided, That when a non-affiliated Mason applies to join a Subordinate Lodge and is rejected, he shall have a right to demand an investigation, and if upon investigation it shall appear that no cause for objection exists that could affect the Masonic standing of the applicant, then another ballot shall be had, and if again rejected, the party or parties making such objection shall, within one month thereafter, prefer charges against the applicant, and if charges are not preferred, or when preferred, are not sustained by trial, then said applicant shall be enrolled a member of said Lodge, but in no case shall the proceedings herein required be unnecessarily delayed.’”

“Resolved, That during the next four months each Lodge in this jurisdiction shall call upon the Grand Lecturer or the Custodian living nearest to such Lodge to instruct it in the ritualistic work of the three degrees, as adopted at this session of the Grand Lodge, two dollars per day and expenses to be paid said officer (while so engaged) by the Lodge so employing him.”

They have twelve lodges and 437 members.

August J. Spengel, (Guthrie,) G.M.

James S. Hunt, (Stillwater,) G.S.

OREGON.

42nd Communication, Portland, June 15th, 1892.

Brenham Van Dusen, G.M.

The presence is noted of our Representative, Bro. Donald McKay, to whom we are indebted for very many courtesies bestowed on us during our stay in Portland last fall. In fact, we found the brethren in Portland all full of kindness and fraternal consideration to the stranger within their gates.

The address of the Grand Master gives us an idea of the magnitude of this jurisdiction:—

“The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge covers an area of nearly 100,000 square miles, and, as you are aware, we have no district deputy Grand Masters scattered over this extended field to substitute the Grand Master in his official visitations.

“Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I could not find time to visit as many subordinate lodges as I desired and had intended to. My journeyings have, however, extended from Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia river, right and left through the Willamette valley to Ashland, near the California boundary line, and I have officially visited 38 subordinate lodges in that portion of the jurisdiction. I fully calculated on visiting many of the lodges in Eastern Oregon also, and am greatly disappointed at not having been able to do so. I have, however, the most flattering reports from that section of our jurisdiction, and am pleased to learn that all the lodges are flourishing.

“It affords me great pleasure to report that I have everywhere been received, not only with the dignity, decorum and honor due to a representative from this Grand Lodge, but also with that fraternal regard, courtesy and brotherly love which is characteristic of the true Mason. It pleased the brethren of many of these lodges to make my visit the occasion of a social banquet after the closing of the lodge, where we enjoyed ‘a feast of reason and a flow of soul,’ as well as good things more substantial. I allude to this in order to express my gratification in being able to report that in no instance was wine or any other intoxicants introduced at these gatherings. It is pleasing to

know that temperance is one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry in fact as well as in name. This is as it should be. The end of Masonry is not feasting and excitement ; it has far higher and nobler aims, its legitimate object is to bless mankind by setting the example 'of every moral and social virtue.'"

Tributes appear to the memory of their Past Grand Secretary, Free-lon J. Babcock, and their Past Grand Master, R. P. Earhart. Bro. Earhart was widely known and highly esteemed.

Seven delegates were appointed to the Fraternal Congress.

The following report was adopted :—

"That Subordinate Lodges be requested to make in their next Annual Report, a statement of the number and date of the Grand Lodge Proceedings now in their possession, and what care is taken of the same.

"The impression usually prevailing that the three copies of the Grand Lodge Proceedings, annually forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges, are for the personal use of the three principal officers of the lodge, and are generally appropriated by them.

"That if the reports are the property of the lodge and not of the officers individually, that it is unnecessary expense to send more than one copy.

"We would recommend that each lodge be required to provide a book-case in the lodge room (or library, if any), for the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and that the Secretary of the lodge be made responsible for their safe keeping.

"We recommend that the order of the M. W. Grand Master for the reading of the proceedings in the lodge, and which order is usually neglected, be more faithfully observed."

It was decided to appoint a Grand Lecturer at a salary of \$100 per month for the time actually employed.

In this enlightened jurisdiction Past Grand Masters are not looked upon as "back numbers." They are not shelved and made to understand that they must take no active part in the work of the Grand Lodge. On the contrary, we find that the four Standing Committees, those of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, Grievance, Educational Fund and Correspondence, are all composed of Past Grand Masters. We are not prepared, however, to assent to the entire exclusion of the younger members from these important committees, as we think that the current feeling of the Craft should always be heard, and the needs of the lodges are better known by those who are in active work and in closer contact with the members.

The Grand Secretary presented his twenty-fifth report on Correspondence. Such a long period of service proves that his labors have given satisfaction. He thinks that dancing in a lodge room, after it has been dedicated, should not be tolerated any more than in a church. In his notice of Canada for 1891, he says :—

"Grand Master Robertson has made a very efficient and constant laborer in his Masonic field. The Craft in whose services he has earned their praise should feel very proud of him, for he is equal to every emergency, and has honored his position as Grand Master. Our brethren of Canada have the faculty of selecting able men for their Grand Masters."

We also take the following from his review of Vermont :—

"To the proposed amendment to our constitution, Brother P. has this to say :—

"A proposed amendment, which, if adopted, would have deprived all Past Grand officers of membership in Grand Lodge, was rightly and tetotally buried out of sight, a result received with 'joyful demonstrations.' We wonder what order of man suggested the disfranchisement. He ought to be awarded a leather medal."

"He never returned to the Grand Lodge even as a visitor. He was *inspired* to do this little act while laboring under the wicked hallucination that the staid and sober P. G. Masters, sitting in the N.E. corner of the Temple, dictated appointments and ran elections in the Grand Lodge. These Past Grand officers have attended on Grand Lodge Communications for years. One for 36 consecutive years ; one for 31 years, and all living have attended every year since they were elected Grand Masters. Where the members of the body of the Grand Lodge are renewed every year, it is well to have from ten upwards of Past Grand Masters to hold the Craft on an even keel. Occasionally an enthusiastic brother, who has been brought up in a school meeting—in the arena of the parrot and the cat, gets, by some unaccountable misfortune, authority to attend a Grand Lodge of Masons for the first time in his blessed life. With such, the first thing

to be done is to knock the solid old Masonic Mother out of her own house by way of an affectionate appreciation of the 'devilment' that is to follow. Then the fun commences. Of course the Grand Lodge cannot be run any longer by these old fogies; they must 'down and out,' taking their tin buckets with them. Nothing like reform. But this fun is of short duration, and the perpetrators of it have never made their appearance on the board a second time. Brother Perkins, if you do not have this fun in Vermont, come out West; where genius has elbow room, if you want to expand with laughter. Par parenthisis—we have 'no kicks' to make at these conceited 'reformers.' They were born that way."

F. A. Moore (St. Helens), G.M.

S. F. Chadwick (Salem), G.S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At the Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia, June 1, 1892, a eulogy was pronounced by Bro. Richard Vaux on Clifford P. McCalla, their most esteemed Past Grand Master, who died in Egypt in April previous. Sympathetic addresses were also delivered by a number of prominent brethren, and it was ordered that the Grand Lodge Hall and jewels be draped in mourning for six months.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 7th, 1892, it was resolved to put in an electric light plant in the Temple as soon as they could safely do so. The cost is estimated at \$13,000.

The Annual Communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 7th, 1892.

J. Simpson Africa, G. M.

Seven new lodges were formed during the year. The Grand Master made a number of official visitations, and was much pleased with the result.

In this jurisdiction, a subordinate lodge has no defined territorial jurisdiction, but if an applicant presents his petition to any other lodge than the one nearest to his place of residence, the lodge cannot act on his petition until after it has addressed an official enquiry to such nearest lodge and received a favorable reply.

On lodge meetings, the Grand Master says:

"Lodge meetings, whether stated or special, should be conducted so as to be elevating and instructive, and hence attractive to the members. Lessons of charity, forbearance, and brotherly love should be not only inculcated, but exemplified. The Worshipful Master should preside with dignity, and conduct the ordinary business with promptness, fairness and courtesy. Any work done should be marked with impressiveness. Much depends upon first impressions. Slipshod practices in the transaction of the ordinary business of a lodge, or in the initiation or advancement of a candidate, are undignified and unmasonic, and can only breed contempt.

"All idle or attempted humorous practices in a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons are at once out of place, unmasonic and unallowable. Unless by the dignity and decorum observed by the lodge the ceremonies incident to the initiation or advancement of a candidate are deeply impressed upon him, the lodge is at fault. It is no trifling matter to go through the ceremonies of initiation or advancement in a Masonic Lodge. Haste and lack of dignity or decorum are not only reprehensible, but cannot be condoned."

Bro. Africa takes the proper ground, in our opinion, against allowing lodges to work in foreign languages. We copy his remarks on this subject, and also those on innovations:

"A Grand Lodge that works under the Ancient York Rite should not, advisedly, grant a Warrant to any body of Masons whose language we cannot understand, or who cannot understand ours. English is the official language of this country, and the sooner emigrants acquire and use our spoken and written language, the sooner they qualify themselves to become good American citizens.

"I have been informed by members of the Fraternity that some persons in this city, and possibly elsewhere in the jurisdiction, have rooms where they offer to confer the degrees of Freemasonry for a nominal sum upon such persons as may apply and who are willing to part with the exacted amount of currency for that purpose. It is needless to warn Freemasons against such impostors. If the profane are so easily duped

as to thus waste their time and money, it cannot be helped. Such persons could not obtain admittance to any regular Lodge, or receive any Masonic recognition whatever.

INNOVATIONS.

"The closing years of the nineteenth century are wonderfully prolific in the production of secret or semi-secret societies, all patterned primarily or secondarily after our Ancient Institution that has survived the storms of many centuries. With the multiplication of 'orders' comes a tendency to make innovations upon the ancient usages, customs and Landmarks of our Fraternity—here a little and there a little. Let me warn you, brethren, against such insidious innovations, and caution you to resist them now and forever. Freemasonry has existed from time immemorial because it has been a law unto itself. Its principles and precepts are well known to those who seek for light. They must be preserved in all their integrity and purity.

"If Freemasons desire to attach themselves to modern 'orders,' they are free to do so, but they must not attempt to introduce any modern or so-called 'improved methods' into our Fraternity. Freemasonry does not proselyte. Whoever seeks and obtains its rights and privileges must conform with its ancient usages and customs. It solicits no man. Those who desire its privileges must seek them of their own free will and accord. Such as obtain them voluntarily pledge themselves to keep, support, maintain and abide by the rules, regulations, and edicts of the Grand Lodge. There can be no mental reservation. The pledge must be free, voluntary, absolute and unconditional.

"Within a tyled Lodge no practice is permitted or designation allowed that is not Masonic; hence any person presenting himself for admission bearing any emblem, badge, or designation of a society, order or association not recognized as Masonic, should be denied admission unless such badge or designation shall be removed or concealed."

On the motion of Bro. M. Richards Muckle, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed for the purpose of ascertaining what differences exist, if any, which prevent the Masonic Brethren connected with the lodges in the various German States forming the German Empire from visiting the lodges in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania; and also the causes which have made it impossible for Brethren hailing from our jurisdiction visiting the lodges in the jurisdiction above mentioned."

The report on correspondence (312 pages) is by Bro. Richard Vaux, who was Grand Master of Pennsylvania over 25 years ago. It is needless to say that his experience, combined with his ability and good judgment, produces a first-class report. Our Proceedings for 1892 receive a full share of his attention. Bro. Vaux says there is no landmark which creates a right to visit, and that that right is limited by the law of a grand jurisdiction as it may seem proper to regulate it.

Michael Arnold, (Philadelphia), G.M.

Michael Nisbet, (Philadelphia), G.S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

17th Communication, Summerside, June 27th, 1892.

Donald Darrach, G.M.

On the condition of the Craft, he says:—

"Though we cannot show a large increase during the past year in our membership, the general condition of the Craft is good. Harmony and peace prevail, and there exists a friendly emulation of who can best work, and, we trust, best agree, though the latter is more difficult of attainment. Accession of good material has been made to our ranks, and a favorable, truer, and more faithful public sentiment is being disseminated.

"The building of the Masonic Temple in the City of Charlottetown has assured an earnestness and a public interest in our Order that shall give an impetus to the Craft, which will, we hope, last many years, and tend to elevate our position among the different elements of human associations. Masonry is being studied in its intrinsic realities, and its principles are being better understood by all."

It was resolved that Masonic funerals cannot be conducted without the pall-bearers appearing as Masons, and the ceremony must be conducted by the lodge.

They have 12 lodges and 502 members.

Simon W. Crabbe, (Charlottetown), G.M.

B. Wilson Higgs, (Charlottetown), G.S.

QUEBEC.

23rd Communication, Montreal, January 25th, 1893.

Frank Edgar, G.M.

Bro. Edgar delivered a most able and interesting address from which we learn that, in spite of the many disadvantages under which they labor, and the prejudice entertained against Freemasonry by those who have been led erroneously to believe it opposed to their race, religion and political aspirations, they have continued to hold their ground in most of the districts, while in others there is a marked increase. On the state of the Craft, he says :—

"From all the information at my disposal, I am able to state that the condition of Masonry in our own Jurisdiction is in every way satisfactory. Our lodges are prosperous and zealous in the work. The manner in which the several degrees are conferred is beyond praise. The social relations of the members are all that can be desired. The cultivation of the social virtues has received commendable encouragement from the Grand Officers and officers of lodges, with the best results. Our finances are in a satisfactory condition. The demands on our funds for benevolence and relief meet with cheerful response, and there are no worthy claims refused. There are a few exceptions, no doubt, to the general peace, harmony and prosperity which prevail in our ranks; but, on the whole, we have reason to be thankful to a kind Providence, which has favored our beloved Order in such a marked degree during the past two years. If anything is left to be desired, it is that more frequent fraternal intercourse should prevail between our country lodges and those working in the cities. It would be well that deputations from the various lodges should visit each other, and thus cement the good feeling which has always existed between our lodges, wherever situated, and lead us to unite, even more than we have ever done, in forming a column of mutual defence and support."

We are rejoiced to have the opportunity of recommending The History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec, by M. W. Bro. John H. Graham, P. G. M., as a most complete and valuable work, and to urge all reading Masons to procure a copy. On this matter, Grand Master Edgar had the following remarks :—

"By far the most important event in the records of the Craft in our jurisdiction during the past year, has been the publication of the "Outlines of the History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec," by Most Worshipful Bro. John Hamilton Graham, M. A., LL. D., &c. In this work, our talented and zealous Past Grand Master has given to the Masonic World the result of his unwearied labors and researches in the archives on our Masonic and Provincial Historical Records with characteristic skill and ability. Our distinguished Brother has devoted some years of his life to this special work, to which he has brought the knowledge of a scholar, the experience of over thirty years connection with Freemasonry, and the zeal of a founder of this Grand Lodge, one whose endeavor has been to prove on historical and legal grounds, the right of this Grand Lodge to sovereign and exclusive Masonic Jurisdiction in this Province, and the defence and support of the means adopted to secure that object. How he has done his work, the evidence is now before you. While our Brother has been engaged in the arduous work of compiling this history he has received the sympathy and good will of all his Brethren, and such support as the other demands on our limited means would permit. He has been assisted in its publication and circulation by a Committee of Brethren in Montreal, presided over and encouraged by M. W. Bros. Walker and Stearns, who have been especially zealous in support of the undertaking, and it now remains with you, Brethren, to bestow on our eminent and esteemed M. W. Bro. Graham, such measure of your support and assistance in promoting the circulation of the work as will be at once some compensation for his labors, and the evidence of your appreciation of his valuable services to the Craft in this Masonic Province. I have appointed M. W. Bros. Stearns and Walker and R. W. Bro. E. T. D. Chambers to receive the copies of the History subscribed for by this Grand Lodge, and to convey the same with our fraternal regards to our Sister Grand Lodges throughout the world."

It appears that in Quebec there is no appeal from the action of the Grand Master. As the Grand Lodge is the supreme power, we think that that tribunal should be the Court of last resort, and every Grand Master should be perfectly willing to submit all his rulings and decisions to the judgment of his brethren in Grand Lodge assembled.

The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. W. T. Forsythe delivered a very excellent address on "The Mission of Masonry," which is published in full in the proceedings.

The report on correspondence, (140 pages), is again by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, who has acquired a most enviable reputation as a sound and able Masonic writer. His opening remarks are well worthy of attention :—

"PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY.

"The very valuable statistical tables of M. W. Bro. Drummond, of Maine, place the total membership of the fifty-six Grand Lodges of the North American Continent for 1892 at 695,193, in round numbers 700,000, as Bro. Drummond's statistics were made up early in the year. Another Reviewer estimates at 400,000 the number of unaffiliated Masons in the same jurisdiction, making a grand total of 1,100,000 Master Masons pledged to the maintenance and promulgation of the God-giving principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth,—of all that is calculated to make them better citizens, enlisted in the service of honor and duty, and freed from the dominion of pride and prejudice, and of all that makes men slaves while they idly dream of freedom.

"The statistics borrowed from Brother Drummond in 1891, showed a membership of 673,643, which was a net increase of 22,615 in the year. From 1891 to 1892, the net gain was 21,550, slightly less than during the preceding year.

"This difference is easily attributable to the increased number of deaths in 1891-2 due to *la grippe*. Bro. Jesse B. Anthony, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York, gives the number of deaths amongst the Brethren in North American Jurisdictions for 1891-2 as 10,242, as against 8,848 in 1890, and 8,873 in 1891. Bro. Anthony's table of statistics was compiled a month later than Bro. Drummond's, and gave the total membership at that time as 697,842. We adhere to Bro. Drummond's figures for purposes of comparison, because it is from him that we have borrowed them for some years past.

"Freemasonry being distributed over the entire habitable surface of the globe, it would be extremely gratifying to us to be able to review its progress elsewhere than on our North American continent. But no foreign proceedings reach us, though we are supposed to be on terms of fraternal correspondence with some of the European and Australasian Grand Lodges.

"New York's Reviewer gives an admirable report of the leading Masonic bodies of the Old World, and did space permit, we would gladly transfer it to our pages. We notice by it that Norway, which until last year was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Norway and Sweden, has now a Grand Lodge of its own.

"MASONRY IN MEXICO.

"The Grand Lodge of Texas has recognized the Grand Dieta of Mexico, but not until after a careful and exhaustive examination into its claims. Grand Master Tyler, who conducted this enquiry, has by so doing rendered an incalculable benefit to Masonry, for the peculiar condition of the Craft in Mexico made it exceedingly difficult for most Grand Lodges and Foreign Correspondence Committees to understand the grounds upon which the Grand Dieta based its claims for recognition. Some of the sticklers for refusing recognition to the Grand Lodges, all of whose subordinates were not of Grand Lodge parentage, are naturally shocked at the action of Texas in this matter. But we are of those who welcome all legitimate Masonry into the Grand Lodge system, and the accident of birth, at least in countries where the only recognized Masonic system hitherto has been that controlled by Grand Orients, does not, for us, stamp as illegitimate the Masonry that has been conferred as we have received it, and that now pledges obedience to a Grand Lodge constituted by the great majority of the lodges and being the only one established in its Jurisdiction. Else, where is the boasted universality of Freemasonry? In this particular case, however,—that of Mexico,—we believe in the wisdom of the course mapped out for himself by M. W. Bro. Drummond, of Maine, who says :—' We do not propose, however, to recommend recognition at this session of the Grand Lodge, but we hope to procure a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Dieta, and be prepared to report at our next session more intelligently.' Bro. Drummond remarks that the plan of a 'Grand Dieta,' with subordinate 'State Grand Lodges,' seems to him a happy solution of this question. And we entirely agree with him in this, as well as in the statement that the plan is very similar to that of the Grand Lodge of England (and Scotland and Ireland as well) with its Provincial Grand Lodges, as our readers will see for themselves by the full details of the scheme furnished in our review of Texas,—a study of which may enable members of our Grand Lodge to form an intelligent opinion of the matter.

"THE CERNEAU DIFFICULTY.

"This difficulty is rapidly, we trust, becoming a thing of the past, so far at least as Grand Lodges are concerned, and they are only concerned in it where it invades the

jurisdiction of Grand Lodge sovereignty. So long as the difficulty is confined to the war between the rival factions of the A. and A. S. Rite, the Grand Lodges may well afford to ignore its existence; but when it instigates or encourages rebellion to Grand Lodge sovereignty, as it has done in Iowa, Ohio and elsewhere, action such as that taken by our own Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication becomes a bounden duty. Similar action has been taken by almost all the American Grand Lodges, and has been sustained by writers of Foreign Correspondence Reports, almost without exception. The cause of rightful Masonic Sovereignty has been vindicated, the appeals to the Civil Courts against such sovereignty have been dismissed, and the matter is now, it appears to us, of very small consequence to symbolic Masonry, and may well, therefore, be left to take care of itself. Entertaining this belief, our Brother Reviewers and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec will readily understand why we devote no further attention to the subject in the present report than may be necessitated by an impartial review of the various Grand Lodge reports that come under our notice, and why we are amongst those who earnestly desire to see the day when it may be possible for all Grand Lodges and all Grand Lodge Reviewers to ignore the very existence of the invader. It is our belief, as well as our hope, that the day is not very far off.

"MASONIC HOMES.

"While American Freemasonry is yearly making gigantic strides in the work of benevolence, there is a difference of opinion amongst Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Reviewers, as to whether this work, except in the largest and wealthiest Jurisdictions can be best promoted by local or general Boards of Relief, or by the establishment of Masonic Homes. For the information of the Brethren in our own territory, many of whom are devotedly attached to the project of a Home in this Jurisdiction, we have reproduced, in reviewing the various reports received, the opinions expressed by the leading Masonic authorities of the continent upon both sides of this important discussion.

"UNAFFILIATED MASONS.

"The increasing number of unaffiliated Masons in many Grand Jurisdictions reviewed, is a matter of deep concern to the Craft. He will, indeed, merit well of the Fraternity who will devise some means of overcoming the difficulty. All kinds of suggestions are made looking to its removal. We have always entertained the belief that if more care was exercised at the ballot box, and that if lodge meetings were made more interesting and more instructive to lodge members, there would not only be fewer unaffiliated Masons but a larger attendance at lodge meetings. Irregular attendance at meetings is often the first step towards asking for a dimit."

In his review of our Proceedings for 1892, Bro. Chambers says:—

"Upon this occasion there was delivered to the Brethren by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson one of the very best, most thoughtfully prepared, most useful and most practical addresses ever pronounced from any Grand East. It is brimful of the most valuable and most interesting information, not only for those to whom it was addressed, but for the Craft whithersoever dispersed, concerning the work and condition of Masonry in the great Province of Ontario. It contains the record of a term of office so entirely devoted to the interests of the Craft, that it might well be questioned whether it was ever exceeded in self-sacrificing devotion by that of any other Grand Master. During the two years of his Grand Mastership, Bro. Robertson visited every lodge once, and many twice, of the 348 on the register of his Grand Jurisdiction, in all 363 visits, covering about twenty-three thousand miles of travel, and ten months of actual time occupied in the work. Most excellent Grand Master—most fortunate Grand Lodge!"

Thomas P. Butler, (Montreal), G.M.

J. H. Isaacson, (Montreal), G.S.

RHODE ISLAND.

Semi-Annual Communication, November 16th, 1891.

An official map was ordered to be prepared, showing the jurisdictional lines of all the lodges in the State.

The request for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania was granted, but that of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was declined for the present.

It was held that it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge to restore or grant membership in a lodge, and that such power of restoration of membership is exclusively in the control of the lodge.

All the expenses of their centennial celebration were paid by voluntary subscription, and without resort to the funds of the Grand Lodge.

A volume commemorative of the event is being published, and the Grand Lodge donated \$1,500 towards its cost.

The following resolution was passed :

“Resolved, that the Grand Lodge of Masons in Rhode Island would express its approval of the movement undertaken by citizens of this State to erect a statue of Robert Burns in Providence ; and, mindful of his fervent attachment to the Masonic Fraternity, this Grand Body would commend the Burns Monument Association in the effort it is now making to foster the memory of the illustrious poet whose heart beat warmly with the sentiments of true brotherhood.”

At a special communication on April 13th, 1892, the entire work of the three degrees was presented by a committee. They gave it as it was in vogue in 1862, and exemplified and approved in 1877. It was rehearsed in full, section by section, and all comment or discussion was in order only after the completion of each section. The time occupied by the first degree was an hour and fifteen minutes, by the second degree, an hour and thirty-five minutes, and by the third degree, an hour and fifty minutes. It was then ordered :

“Ordered, that the ritual of the three degrees as presented by the Special Committee this day, and amended by this M. W. Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby declared to be the authorized work of this jurisdiction, and no other shall be permitted in the Subordinate Lodges.”

102nd Communication, Providence, May 16th, 1892.

George H. Kenyon, G. M.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Nicholas Van Slyck, P. G. M. He was probably the most prominent member, full of zeal for the Craft and of marked ability. His loss will be deeply felt.

The per capita tax is fifty cents per annum.

The Library Committee secured an appropriation of \$200.

The reprint of their early proceedings is progressing, and volume 2 will shortly be completed.

The following resolution was adopted :

“Ordered, That the Centennial Medal be and is hereby adopted as the badge of our Grand Representatives, and that the Grand Secretary cause the same to be hung with a suitable keeper and forwarded to our Grand Representatives abroad.”

Stillman White, (Providence), G. M.

Edwin Baker, (Providence), G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

116th Communication, Charlestown, December 13th, 1892.

William T. Branch, G. M.

The Grand Master takes rather a gloomy view of the state of the Craft. He thinks that its backwardness is partly owing to the indifference and neglect of the membership, and to the number of inferior orders which have sprung up because of their insurance features. He advocates a remedy in the creation of the office of Grand Lecturer. On the subject of androgynous degrees, he says :—

“We are obliged to protect, aid and assist Masons' wives, daughters, mothers and sisters, and yet we have no means of knowing them. There is a way provided ; certain degrees they have a right to, which, although not Masonry, are its offspring. I therefore recommend that the members of this Grand Lodge see that they are more generally conferred.”

The proposal to appoint a Grand Lecturer was indefinitely postponed.

Delegates were appointed to attend the Fraternal Congress at Chicago at their own expense.

The Grand Secretary has an excellent Report on Correspondence. From it we learn that, with the authorization of the Grand Master, a suborninate lodge can lay a corner-stone. This is contrary to our custom, as with us the Grand Lodge is always convened to perform this

ceremony. We also find that, in South Carolina, Past Grand Masters are not allowed to vote. They are members of Grand Lodge, having the right to hold office and to do everything but vote. This is also contrary to our practice.

Stiles P. Dendy, (Wallhalla), G.M.
Charles Inglesby, (Charlestown), G.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

18th Communication, Sioux Falls, June 14th, 1892.

George A. Johnston, G.M.

There has been a perceptible increase in lodge membership, as well as greater proficiency in lodge work. Three new lodges were formed.

The system of instruction by a Grand Lecturer was continued. He is to visit at least thirty lodges during the year.

Elective officers are not allowed to resign.

Bro. William Blatt has a good report on correspondence. In his review of our proceedings for 1891, he says:—

“There are few Masonic documents that have ever afforded us more interest in personal than this recital of a year's extraordinary services rendered the Craft, a review of its condition, a thorough study of its necessities, and logical conclusions of cause and effect. This may seem a little loud praise on our part, but we regret we cannot render deserved tribute in more adequate language. The whole business of the G. L. is characterized by a careful and studied purpose of serving the true interests of the Craft without fear or favour, and every act of a Grand Officer, every proposition in G. L., in fact, the whole business of the G. L. and its constituents, receiving thorough scrutiny at the hands of the several committees.”

Harvey J. Rice, (Huron), G.M.

Charles T. McCoy, (Aberdeen), G.S.

TENNESSEE.

79th Communication, Nashville, January 25th, 1893.

M. D. Smallman, G.M.

The address of the Grand Master is a most excellent paper. It combines business and eloquence, good advice and poetic imagery in an entertaining manner. He clothes the dry bones of the record of official visitations and dispensation with the mantle of interesting and instructive disquisitions.

Among the Grand Representatives appointed, we notice the name of R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson for Canada.

Three new lodges were formed.

The Grand Master refused to permit a lodge to celebrate August 19th as St. John's Day. The application was a curious one and the refusal quite proper.

We are glad to quote part of his address to the lodges:—

“III. Let every member assure the Master and *make him feel* that he is absolutely and unconditionally subject (as in duty bound) to all orders which he may lawfully make, and ready and willing to execute all and singular ‘the designs upon the Master's trestle-board’ with loyal zeal and fidelity. No lodge is likely to develop a model Master without such support. If a Brother, whether experienced or otherwise, whether ‘bright or rusty,’ is ordered by the Master to take ‘this place,’ or ‘that station’—to deliver a lecture, read the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, prepare an essay, rehearse either or all the Altar Charges, rehearse the Funeral Oration, exemplify the Opening or the Closing of a Lodge on some degree, exemplify the examination of a visitor, lead in prayer, ~~ANYTHING~~ which the Master may lawfully command, should never request to be excused or exhibit any sort of hesitancy or dalliance. The Brother addressed should promptly and cheerfully execute the order, or at least make a prompt, honest and diligent effort to do so. Had the Craft at the building of King Solomon's Temple manifested the same reluctance to execute the designs for the work committed to them by the Master; if they had offered the excuses and refusals as some of the Craft are accustomed to do in our beautiful Speculative system, when would that mas-

sive and magnificent structure have received its finishing touches? OBEY THE MASTER!" * * *

"V. The Master must be a pattern for imitation by the Brethren, the *Sun* for the illumination of the Lodge, the Custodian of its Work, the embodiment of a GENTLEMAN. In the ceremonies of opening and closing the Lodge he must be infallible as he is indispensable. Here he is the 'observed of all observers.' Other duties may be properly entrusted to others; this belongs to him. He must permit no 'short ways' in this beautiful ceremony; it is too grandly beautiful to be either prolonged or abridged. To be able to do this duty thoroughly and well marks him as the right man in the right place. Indeed this is the *experimentum crucis* of a 'model Master.' If he has 'gifts and graces,' dignity and skill, agreeableness of manner, tact and erudition, this is the time and the place, of all others, for the intelligent exercise thereof. He must have the monitorial passages committed to memory, and so adroitly and ingeniously fit them into the esoteric passages, and rehearse the whole with such power and pathos as to lend a charm to this proceeding, which the Brethren will not, can not afford to miss. He must begin at the exact moment specified in the By-laws, and press the proceedings through in two and a half to three hours. If the programme is so interesting that it requires more time, appoint a special meeting. Don't weary the Brethren by too much work at a time. Keep a strict account with wrong-doers; admonish them promptly, and, if this fails, discipline them. We have no place for the drunkard, the slanderer, the blasphemer or the libertine. Such a Master is a benison to his lodge and the whole Fraternity. 'He shall in no case lose his reward.'"

Five delegates were appointed to the Congress at Chicago.

On the subject of the appointment of Grand Representatives, the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted. Formerly, this system, while it was esteemed to be practically useless, was thought to be, at all events, harmless, but latterly several occurrences have taken place in connection with these appointments which have caused considerable trouble and hard feeling. If these results are likely to be frequent, it were better that the system be abolished. Iowa has already stopped it:—

"Your Committee would also recommend that his commissioning certain Grand Representatives to other Grand Lodges be approved. And, in this connection, your Committee would respectfully suggest that the experience of many years confirm us in the opinion that this purely ornamental feature of modern Grand Lodge polity is of no practical value, but is liable to bring about misunderstandings and heartburnings. We therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master be requested to investigate this Grand Representative feature in all its relations to the Craft, and make such report as to him seemeth wise on the question of abolishing the custom in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee."

The Board of Custodians of the work submitted an able report, pointing out the necessity of ritualistic instruction in the lodges, and discussing various methods of attaining the desired result. Their former experience with a Grand Lecturer was not satisfactory. It was "only the beginning of an end that never was reached." It was not the method by which the lodges could be started in the right way in any reasonable length of time, and it was also too expensive. The conclusions of the Board were embodied in the following recommendations, which were adopted:—

"1. That a Committee of nine, consisting of three from each of the grand divisions of the State, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to divide the Jurisdiction into Districts, having particular reference to accessibility and means of transportation."

"2. That this Committee shall nominate to the Grand Lodge for approval at this session, the names of Brethren who are willing and competent to serve as District Lecturers." * * *

"1. The District Lecturers shall be required to learn the Ritual adopted by Grand Lodge, and shall be in possession of a certificate to that effect before lecturing any Lodge or School of Instruction."

"2. The Lodges, either separately, or as united in Schools of Instruction, shall pay all the expenses of said District Lecturers, as they may mutually agree."

"3. The District Lecturers shall be under the control of the Grand Master and the Board of Custodians, who shall instruct them in the Rituals. They shall make reports to the Custodians in ample time to allow the latter to make their annual report to Grand Lodge."

Their Widows' and Orphans' Home was opened in December, 1892,

costing about \$27,000. Accommodation is provided for thirty inmates. An opportunity was afforded to the members in Grand Lodge to make pledges to a fund for the completion and maintenance of the home, when there were pledged from lodges \$1,533, and placed on the altar in cash \$78.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. George C. Connor, who is one of the most versatile and entertaining writers of the day. He has a large fund of both wisdom and wit, from which he freely draws, and he dispenses therefrom sparkling jewels with no niggardly hand. His extensive knowledge of all branches of Masonic subjects and his happy way of putting things so obviously in their right places, make the reading of his reports a pleasure.

He says that, previous to 1843, all lodge business was transacted in the Entered Apprentice degree.

He has a good notice of Canada for 1892, which commences thus:—

"This Jurisdiction furnishes an immense amount of literature, more than any of the Grand Lodges. There are, in the Annual before us, speeches with parenthetical 'applause,' addresses, prolific reports, tables galore, and a Report on Correspondence. The types are diamond size, and the total pages two hundred and ninety-seven, equal to three hundred and fifty of any other Annual that reaches this office.

"Grand Master Robertson's Address is a splendid State paper, and is full of general interest to the Craft. He had been a most indefatigable visitor, and his labors must be productive of great good."

Bro. Connor is justly severe on the absurd doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, which prevails in a few of the American jurisdictions:—

"What can be more absurd than for a Temple to claim as its property a Stone which it actually rejected. Up to the time of its rejection there was jurisdictional ownership, but the moment the Lodge said, '*it is unfit*,' that moment it surrendered its ownership and control. Peace and comity might demand that no Lodge quarry in the domain of another, but when the Stone is removed from the domain of the Lodge that rejected it, jurisdictional ownership absolutely ceases."

Bun. F. Price, (Memphis), G.M.

John Frizzell, (Nashville), G.S.

TEXAS.

57th Communication, Houston, December 6th, 1892.

John Watson, G.M.

He reports eleven new lodges. The condition of Masonry in Texas is exceptionally good and its moral tone is improving each year.

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews reports on correspondence. In his review of Illinois he has the following remarks on Masonry in Mexico:

"Now, we are not going to become the apologist for Bro. Tyler, nor do we deem it necessary to do so. It is true that in 1887, Bro. Tyler was opposed to the recognition of the Masonic lodges in Mexico, because he believed, at that time, that their origin was not legitimate. But, like all honest men should be, he was open to conviction. He went to Mexico, and for himself, and in the interest of the general Craft, investigated the status of the Masonry of that country. He found that though, perhaps, most of the lodges had their origin from Grand Orients, Scottish Rite Consistories, etc., yet they had renounced allegiance to these bodies, and formed themselves into independent Grand Lodges, and were practising the same kind of Masonry we have in Texas and other States; that the Craft there, composed of the best class of citizens, was doing a grand and noble work in elevating and enlightening that heretofore benighted people. Seeing this, and so feeling, he believed that it was right and far best to lend them a helping hand by recognizing them. He so reported to the Grand Lodge, and by it his views were adopted. This has always been the opinion of this writer, and upon the question he, in 1887, differed with Bro. Tyler. And so far from thinking or agreeing that Bro. Tyler ought to be censured for changing his opinion, thinks he ought to be applauded. Bro. Robbins must remember, too, and admit the truth of the old adage, 'Wise men change their opinions, but fools never do.'"

Thomas P. Cochran (Austin), G.M.

W. F. Swain (Houston), G.S.

UTAH.

22nd Communication, Salt Lake City, January 17th, 1893.

Watson N. Shilling, G.M.

The growth in membership during the year has been beyond precedent. The Grand Master visited all the lodges in the State.

The Grand Secretary is the author of the report on correspondence. In his notice of Canada for 1892, he says :—

"The address of the Grand Master (18 pages) presents the affairs of this vast Jurisdiction in a masterly manner. He has presided in the Grand East two years, and during that time visited 363 Lodges, 'covering about 20,000 miles of travel and ten months of actual time in the work.' We do not remember that any other Grand Master has beaten the record, or came near to it. If any correspondent knows of one let him produce his name. The Grand Master found part of the Lodges in an excellent condition, others again only so-so and the rest had better cease work. There are, however, hopeful signs of progress. He says on that point: 'It is gratifying to report that three-fourths of the Lodges are not only improving in the exemplification of the work, but also in the quality of membership.' Under the sub-head of 'Cheapening our Ceremonies,' he refers to an occurrence during the laying of a corner-stone of a church where he himself performed the ceremony. Hear the Grand Master:

"The reverend gentleman who preached charity and unselfishness in that particular locality, murmured because the offering taken up did not yield enough to pay for a new pulpit; indeed he gave me such scant civility that even the Grand Chaplain, who officiated, felt a spasm of muscular Christianity at intervals during the ceremony."

"The preacher was no gentleman, that is all. But that reminds us of two preachers we had at one time in Utah, who did beat that Ontario preacher all to pieces. The Grand Lodge of Utah laid the corner-stone of a Methodist Church in Ogden. It happened to be on Decoration day, and most of the stores and business places being closed a large crowd of people were on the streets, gazing at the procession and witnessing the ceremony. Our then Grand Master, M. W. Arthur M. Grant, assisted by well-skilled Wardens and other Officers, performed the work to perfection. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was charming, and Grand Orator W. C. S. Varian delivered an eloquent oration. It was a part of the programme that one of the preachers should address the audience before the Masons retired. And he did address it; but he had not said a dozen words when he demanded money to complete the church. He gave a certain sign and in a second about twenty men with tin plates were among the spectators asking contributions. But our Grand Master was equal to the emergency. Quick as lightning he ordered the Grand Marshal to make the proclamation and to form the procession for the home march. Thus he fooled the preachers, and the Ogden people were glad of it and thanked him for it. It was afterwards learned that the preachers had invited the Grand Lodge to lay the corner-stone for the sole purpose of getting a large gathering of people which would give them a chance to collect money enough to complete the church. But they got left, and the church is not yet quite finished. One of the preachers is now in Montana; the other somewhere in the East. They are good ones and will get through this world without hard labor."

Albion B. Emery, (Park City), G.M.

Christopher Diehl, (Salt Lake City), G.S.

VERMONT.

99th Communication, Burlington, June 15th, 1892.

Delos M. Bacon, G. M.

The Grand Master has invented a new designation for his subordinate or constituent lodges. He calls them "secular" lodges. Why he does so, we are at a loss to understand. "Secular" means "coming or happening once in a century," or else "pertaining to temporal things or things of the present world, temporal, civil, worldly, not spiritual, opposed to ecclesiastical." In none of these significations can the word be appropriately applied to a Masonic lodge.

We quote three of the Grand Master's decisions :—

"1. It is not the privilege of a secular Lodge to lay corner stones. The ceremony is entirely within the province of the Grand Lodge under the authority of the Grand Master or his representative.

"2. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the East, the Senior Warden succeeds to the duties of Master, the Junior Warden remains in the South by election and installation, the presiding officer filling the West, by pro tempore appointment.

"3. All requests for a waiver of jurisdiction from Lodges outside of the State, together with the granting of waivers of jurisdiction to Foreign lodges should be conducted by the respective Grand Masters."

A meeting of the District Deputy Grand Masters was called by the Grand Lecturer. It was a very successful gathering and the proceedings were very interesting and instructive.

The Grand Master properly refused to lay the corner-stone of a Grand Army Hall.

Tasmania was recognized.

Joint occupancy of Masonic Halls was again condemned.

The following were adopted :—

"Resolved, That as the District Deputy Grand Masters are the authorized representatives of the Grand Master in their respective Districts, their title hereafter shall be Right Worshipful, and at the Communications of the Grand Lodge, their stations shall be on the left of the Deputy Grand Master in the East. In processions of the Craft they shall follow the Grand Wardens."

"Resolved, That no work shall be done upon actual candidates at a District Meeting, except in the lodge located at the place where the meeting is held, and only upon candidates of that lodge, or of other lodges that have regularly requested such lodges to do their work. If one of the three principal officers of the local lodge is present, he may call members of other lodges to the stations, but the record should be made in the local lodge and report of the same should be made to and recorded by the lodge making the request. The fees should be paid to the lodge furnishing the work and by it be reported to the Grand Lodge."

Jewels and aprons for the 13 District Deputy Grand Masters are to be provided by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Marsh O. Perkins wants us to lop off either the head or the tail of the name of our Grand Lodge. We hope to take off its head before long. He is complimentary to our Grand Master and his officers :—

"The reports of the District Deputies are exhaustive in detail, and show the remarkable fact that every Lodge but two, in the various Districts, had received at least one official visit during the year. A record rarely, if ever, equalled when the number of Lodges, 348, and distances travelled are considered. In one District the most distant Lodges are eight hundred miles apart. In another the Deputy travelled 2,715 miles, and in still another the Deputy placed 2,634 miles to his credit in the discharge of his duties."

Delos M. Bacon, (St. Johnsbury Centre), G.M.

Warren G. Reynolds, (Burlington), G.S.

VIRGINIA.

115th Communication, Richmond, Dec. 6th, 1892.

W. H. Pleasants, G.M.

Masonry is advancing throughout the State with a solid and healthy growth. The ladies of Richmond held a Masonic fair in aid of the Home, from which a large sum of money was realized. Ten new lodges were formed.

The District Deputies generally have been active, and their efforts, coupled with those of the District Lecturers continue to show a marked improvement in the work throughout the State.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia become a corresponding member of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, of London, England, and that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to purchase the reprints and translations issued by that lodge."

"Resolved, That previous to connecting himself with the lodge of which he may desire to be a member, after having been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, a brother must be examined in open lodge, touching his proficiency in the first section of that degree, and the lodge must be satisfied with his proficiency in that section."

It was deemed inexpedient to send delegates to Chicago.

William H. Pleasants (Hollins), G.M.

William B. Isaacs (Richmond), G.S.

WASHINGTON.

35th Communication, Spokane, June 14th, 1892.

In the address of the Grand Master we find the following remarkable paragraph :—

"On Feb. 1st the credentials of a brother seeking admission into Valley Lodge, No. 71, were submitted to me for my inspection and approval. It appeared that the brother was made a Mason in Lodge Le Progress de l'Océanic, No. 124, A.F. & A.M., under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of France, located at the city of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. It occurred to me that the brother's credentials were not sufficient; but, after careful inquiry and correspondence with admitted authorities in this and other jurisdictions, I found that the Supreme Council of France, A. & A.S.R., is a legitimate body, and is in no manner connected with the Grand Orient of France, which latter body we do not recognize as legitimate. I find that the late King of Hawaii was a member of the lodge mentioned, and that any one hailing from the Supreme Council, or from any of its subordinates, is entitled to recognition. I relate this merely for information, and in order that subordinate lodges may understand that brethren claiming under the Supreme Council of France, A. & A.S.R., are entitled to Masonic intercourse with them; but otherwise, if they claim under the Grand Orient of France."

It is news to us to hear that the Supreme Council of France has no connection with Grand Orient. It is not so very long ago that they were so inseparably connected that any distinction was hardly perceptible. The Grand Orient was dominated entirely by the Supreme Council. When we were in Paris in 1878 we had a personal interview with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient, and these identical individuals were then the Sovereign Grand Commander and the Grand Secretary-General of the Supreme Council. Perhaps the two bodies have been divorced since then, but if so, we have not heard of it. It is certain that the Chiefs of the Supreme Council were mainly instrumental in eliminating the name of Deity from the Constitution of the Grand Orient. They told us so themselves, and they tried to justify their action by alleging that they were simply going back to the old principles, from which they said that the Grand Lodge of England and all the American Grand Lodges had deviated. We have no knowledge that they have changed their minds or altered their actions since then, and if not, we want no Masonic intercourse with them or with any members of their lodges made under their emasculated constitutions.

Grand Master Amos very properly refused the request of a lodge to have a supper and ball under the auspices of the Grand Lodge. He issued dispensations for ten new lodges. He records a novelty in granting permission to a lodge to install its officers in public in a church, but, with seeming inconsistency, he refused permission to a lodge to attend church services on St. John's Day.

He is to be commended for his condemnation of the unjust doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. 'We do not allow one man to hold another in subjection as long as life may last, without giving any reason therefor.' He issued a warning circular against the actions of some parties who were engaged in the State in selling the so-called 'Cerneau' degrees, and it had the desired effect. He advocated the abolition of the Past Master's degree, as no reason can be urged for its continuance. Bro. Amos concludes his able address with an appeal for the establishment of a Masonic Home.

The Grand Secretary submitted his *thirtieth* annual report. Bro. Reed is the sole survivor of the first officers of the Grand Lodge. He was the first Grand Secretary, and, with the exception of the three years during which he was Grand Master, and one other year, he has

been Grand Secretary ever since. Truly a lifetime of devotion to the Craft.

The decrease in receipts by reason of the previous year's fifty per cent. reduction of the per capita tax was about \$3000.

The Grand Lecturer visited every lodge in the State. In his report he says :—

"It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that a great majority of the lodges are not only working the standard work, but are working it in a masterly manner, a few of them having attained so nearly perfection that they are able to confer the three degrees with the accompanying lectures with scarcely the omission of a word of the authorized ritual : and while many of the lodges are rapidly approaching perfection in the work, I cannot forbear making special mention of the lodges at Cheney, Vancouver and Waitsburg.

"I assure you it is extremely gratifying to me to note how rapidly our noble Order is being built up from the best material in the State, as a natural result of this increased interest in ritualistic work."

A committee was appointed to investigate the subject of soliciting propositions for a suitable location for a Masonic Home.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That Masonic lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are under no obligation to extend Masonic aid or privileges to non-affiliated Masons who shall have resided within the jurisdiction of a lodge one year without affiliating with or contributing to such lodge its established dues."

"Sec. 3. The territorial jurisdiction of a lodge must be determined from an 'air line' equidistant between it and all neighboring lodges : *Provided* That lodges outside of the corporate limits of cities or towns shall not receive a petition for the degrees of Masonry from a person whose residence is within the said corporate limits without the consent of the lodge having territorial jurisdiction over him." * * *

"*Resolved*, That a non-affiliated Master Mason cannot visit any lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington to exceed three times, after living as such within the jurisdiction of that lodge one year." * * *

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge of Washington that in the conduct of funeral services in the open air no rule of Masonic propriety requires the uncovering of the head, except when the blessing of Deity is invoked."

On the prerogatives of Grand Masters, Bro. Reed says :—

"But to state our position briefly, we cannot assent to the proposition that the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master rise above and subordinate or dominate the established constitutions of the Order. The very essence, and every essential principle of Freemasonry, stands directly in opposition to all forms of intolerance and autocracy, as we have before in substance stated. The powers that govern an institution harmoniously and successfully must not antagonize, but be considered with the principles and doctrines it assumes to teach and promulgate."

Canada for 1891 receives due mention.

Alfred A. Plummer (Port Townsend), G.M.

Thomas M. Reed (Olympia). G.S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

28th Communication, Charleston, Nov. 15th, 1892.

Lewis N. Tavenner, G.M.

The year has been a prosperous one. Five new lodges were formed. We are glad to notice the following. We deprecate the use of Masonic clothing for purposes of display only :—

"I have refused petitions for Special Dispensations as follows, viz.:

"December 7th, 1891, petition by Longdale Lodge, No. 14, asking Special Dispensation to rent their Lodge room to an Order not Masonic, to increase revenue.

"February 17th, 1892, petition by Mt. Nebo Lodge, No. 91, asking Special Dispensation to attend M. E. Church South to hear a Masonic sermon on the 22nd day of February, 1892, as I did not see any necessity for a Special Dispensation to attend church to hear a sermon regarding Masonry, as the handmaid if not the forerunner of religion, and attendance at church in all respects accordant with our teachings, if not enjoined thereby, and not deeming it necessary or advisable for the brethren to appear on the occasion, clothed as Masons, and with the lights and jewels exposed for mere display."

At one visit by a D.D.G.M., a candidate was initiated, and both his father and grandfather were present.

A proposal to pay the expenses of all Past Grand Masters attending the Grand Lodge received 43 votes against 26, but as a two-thirds vote was required, the resolution was lost.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that a candidate minus the left hand could not be initiated. Also, that Masons could act as pall-bearers at a Masonic funeral when other organizations were taking part; and that non-Masons could act as pall-bearers at a Masonic funeral when no other organizations are taking part. This latter ruling is contrary to the traditional custom, that when Masons once take charge of a brother's remains, they never leave them until they have deposited them in the grave and the Masonic ceremonies are fully completed. In the same report, which was adopted, we find the following ruling on avouchment:—

"The Committee on Work asks for a definition of what constitutes 'legal Masonic information.' As to this, we would answer that no rigid rule can be laid down. The information should be such as to convince a prudent man beyond any reasonable doubt. This may be had from 'strict trial' and 'due examination'—that is, that the trial or the examination should not be slight, trivial, or loosely conducted. And the legal Masonic information should possess similar certainty, and be based upon carefully ascertained truth.

"To insist that a Mason cannot vouch for another unless he has sat in lodge with him is to confine the power of vouching within limits unreasonably close. There are other means of information as to Masonic character just as trustworthy as the fact of having met a brother within the tiled recesses of the lodge. In fact, the power of avouchment may be safely left to the good common sense and sound judgment of a cautious man, and it cannot be properly limited by cast-iron rules, which must in all cases be complied with; and hence the best definition of 'legal Masonic information,' which we can readily frame in words is that already mentioned, viz.: It must be such as to satisfy a prudent man beyond any reasonable doubt. It may be derived from having sat in Lodge with a brother; from the avouchment of one who has so met the brother in Lodge; or, from other sources equally trustworthy and equally conclusive to the mind of a prudent and cautious man."

If a delegate absents himself there from the Grand Lodge without permission, his lodge must refund the amount paid him.

The report on correspondence (192 pages), is by the Grand Secretary. Canada for 1892 occupies four pages, and he is very complimentary to our Grand Master.

George Davis, (Charleston), G.M.

George W. Atkinson, (Wheeling), G.S.

WISCONSIN.

48th Communication, Milwaukee, June 14th, 1892.

N. M. Littlejohn, G. M.

The increase in membership has been the largest they have ever known, and many substantial and commodious edifices have been erected and dedicated to virtue and benevolence. The net gain in membership was over 500.

The following case shows a slight difference of opinion between the Grand Master and the Grand High Priest, in which we think the Grand Master was right.

"A brother against whom charges had been preferred, and whose trial was pending in his lodge, was charged in one of the specifications with 'having threatened to prevent Master Masons, members of his lodge, from taking the higher degrees in Masonry.'

"The accused was also a member of the Chapter and the Commandery, and he, by letter, appealed to the M. E. G. H. Priest of the Grand Chapter, claiming that the charge in the specification quoted, if a Masonic offence, was one of which the Chapter had jurisdiction and not the lodge. The M. E. G. High Priest sustained this claim, holding that the lodge had no jurisdiction; that, if an offence at all, it was one that

did not affect the lodge; that the Master Masons of the lodge had received all that the lodge could confer, and that should the lodge render a verdict upon such a charge, it would be of no effect. The M. E. G. High Priest forwarded to me his decision in the matter, and asked me to concur therein and have the trial discontinued, that there might be no conflict between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge on the question of jurisdiction. I declined to concur in his opinion for the following reasons:

"*First.* The offence, if true as charged in the specification referred to, clearly shows unmasonic conduct on the part of the accused, in that he has evinced towards his fellow members of the lodge an unfraternal and vindictive spirit. He has announced a determination to do them an injury, and to 'supplant them in their lawful undertakings,' and the lodge has an unquestionable right to enquire into such charges.

"*Second.* There is not, by the Ancient Landmarks, the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, or any other recognized Masonic Authority, any right or power conferred upon the Grand Master to discontinue or interfere with a trial in a subordinate lodge when legally conducted upon formal charges and specifications.

"*Third.* There can be no conflict between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter or any other Order of so-called higher degrees on the question of jurisdiction, for the Grand Lodge as an organization does not recognize any higher Masonic Order, and has no knowledge of any Masonic degrees beyond that of Master Mason.

Bro. Littlejohn does not believe in the reduction of representation in the Grand Lodge; nor that any restriction should be placed on the election of a Grand Master.

"The proposed amendment to Section 5 of Article I, if adopted, will reduce the representation of subordinate lodges from three to one representative. The question of economy does not enter into this proposition, as the mileage and per diem would remain the same. The only argument I have heard in favor of this proposition is that the Grand Lodge is becoming unwieldy in size. In my opinion no Masonic body can be said to be unwieldy as long as each member observes gentlemanly and Masonic deportment. Although this assemblage is large, yet I have too much faith in my brethren to think for a moment that anyone here will disregard the rules of the Grand Lodge or the authority of their presiding officer. Our Annual Communications are looked forward to with pleasure by many of our brethren. They regard it as a sort of Masonic festival, where they meet to renew old acquaintances and to form new ones, and to become familiar with Masonic teachings and Masonic law. I am of opinion that the annual assembling together in large numbers is beneficial, not only to those present, but, through them, to the Order at large.

"The proposition to amend Section 4 of Article II, if adopted, will render the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master ineligible to re-election after having served a term of one year. As my official term has but a few hours more to run, I feel no personal interest in this proposition, and therefore feel no delicacy in commenting thereon. The office of Grand Master is the highest office in Masonry, and ought to command the best talent and experience the Order affords. To discharge its duties creditably, one must devote much time and constant study to the numberless questions that will arise. This jurisdiction has had many able Grand Masters, but I doubt whether any one of them ever felt at the end of his first term that there was nothing more to learn. Would it be wise, by the limitation of time, to render it nearly impossible for the occupant of that important position to become proficient in its duties? It is a position of too much honor, too much responsibility, too much importance to be bandied about by factional intrigue or used to gratify personal ambition. These suggestions refer to the policy of the proposed change. But there is an objection to it that I think must be conclusive to the mind of every loyal Mason, which is this: The Grand Lodge has no right to place any restriction upon the choice of Grand Master. It is an ancient landmark that the Craft have a right to select from their number him whom they would have for their Grand Master. The office of Grand Master was not created by the Grand Lodge, but existed long before Grand Lodges were formed, and were the present system of legislation by Grand Lodges to be abolished, the office of Grand Master would still exist, and the Craft would have a right to meet as formerly in General Assemblies and select their Grand Master. I trust that this Grand Lodge will not attempt to amend an unchangeable landmark."

Six new lodges were formed.

All the constitutional amendments were voted down.

Jewels are to be presented to all the Past Grand Masters.

Bro Duncan McGregor reports on correspondence, and reviews our proceedings for 1891.

Fred. Ring, (Lacrosse), G. M.

John W. Lafin, (Milwaukee), G. S.

WYOMING.

18th Communication, Douglas, Dec. 6th, 1892.

John C. Davis, G.M. *pro tem*.

The Grand Master, Bro. Perry L. Smith, was absent through illness. His address was read by the Deputy presiding. The fraternity is prospering and keeping pace with their new State in its progress.

Action was postponed on the applications for recognition of the Grand Lodges of Victoria and New Zealand for want of more evidence.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"Resolved, That the Committee on revision of ritualistic work for the subordinate lodges within this jurisdiction be continued and empowered and authorized, in order to compile, revise and print a key for use of all subordinate lodges within this jurisdiction, to employ and hire all assistants necessary, and to submit said key to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication." * * *

"We, your Committee on Monitor, respectfully beg leave to report that we recommend that the general Ahiman Rezon, known as Sickles' Monitor, be adopted as the official monitor of this Grand jurisdiction, and all subordinate lodges shall be required to use the same in conferring degrees and other lodge work."

Bro. Kuykendall secured a Committee to revise the Constitution and By-laws and he was named as Chairman.

It was decided that the Master of a lodge had a right to object to the admission of a visitor to his lodge without assigning any reason for his objection. As the Master is responsible for the harmony of his lodge, it necessarily follows that he must have the power to exclude any discordant elements.

The Grand Secretary has a very good report on correspondence. In his review of our proceedings for 1892, he says :—

"Referring to those who have lost their privileges through suspension, the Grand Master says :—

"Why should we mourn over men who use the twenty-four inch gauge as an aid to business and the square as a sign that they are ready to exchange experience for money, and that not at the current market value."

"There are a combination of causes beyond poverty causing such suspension, and the above is one of them. The same applies to and is the cause of a large proportion of non-affiliation. Masonry with such men fails to materialize as a gold mine to any appreciable extent, and failing to be imbued with any of its principles and teachings they let themselves out to avoid bearing their share of the financial burdens. Thus let out they should stay out. Masonry has lost nothing thereby."

Proxies in Wyoming must be members of the lodges they represent. Resignation of officers is not allowed, but Bro. Kuykendall thinks it should be. Joint occupancy is allowed and seems to work well. In his review of Delaware, he says :—

"We have just discovered another to us new and unheard of landmark, and here it is : 'Resolved, That the right of visitation being a Masonic landmark, etc., etc.'"

"If this be true, then the Masons of every State have created an innovation in the body of Masonry. We beg pardon for recurring to the landmark subject so often, and we only do so in support of our assertion that any and everything is claimed to be such, of which the above is ample proof, and that is what we object to, and not to the few genuine laws that must stand as immovable as our own Rockies do as geographical landmarks.

"We are thankful and contented that we live and always have lived in a section of our great country where toleration is as broad as our territory, and rejoice in the fact that we live where no lines are drawn and no distinctions made when it comes to laying our Masonic brethren as well as other friends away until the resurrection, and in a land that when our time shall come and the grim messenger summons us to cross over into the unknown, no friend or organization will be debarred from placing emblems upon the narrow house containing this earthly frame and participating in the last rites that the living can minister to the dead. Brethren of Delaware, repeal your iron-clad regulation on this subject and you will feel better, sleep sounder, and be cured of all dyspeptic symptoms."

John C. Davis, (Rawlins), G.M.

William L. Kuykendall, (Saratoga), G.S.

LIST OF PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED.

Arizona.....	1892	Nevada.....	1892
Arkansas.....	1892	New Brunswick.....	1892
British Columbia.....	1892	New Hampshire.....	1892
California.....	1892	New Jersey.....	1893
Colorado.....	1892	New Mexico.....	1892
Connecticut.....	1893	New South Wales.....	1892
Delaware.....	1892	New York.....	1892
District of Columbia.....	1892	North Dakota.....	1892
Florida.....	1893	Nova Scotia.....	1892
Georgia.....	1892	Ohio.....	1892
Idaho.....	1892	Oklahoma.....	1892-93
Illinois.....	1892	Oregon.....	1892
Indiana.....	1892	Pennsylvania.....	1892
Indian Territory.....	1892-93	Prince Edward Island.....	1892
Iowa.....	1892	Quebec.....	1893
Kansas.....	1893	Rhode Island.....	1892
Kentucky.....	1892	South Carolina.....	1892
Louisiana.....	1893	South Dakota.....	1892
Maine.....	1892	Tennessee.....	1893
Manitoba.....	1892	Texas.....	1892
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Michigan.....	1893	Vermont.....	1892
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Mississippi.....	1892-93	Washington.....	1892
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Montana.....	1892	Wisconsin.....	1892
Nebraska.....	1892	Wyoming.....	1892

The only proceedings not received are those of Alabama and Massachusetts for 1892 and North Carolina for 1893.

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

Collingwood, Ont., Can., June 12th, 1893.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

ALABAMA.

72nd Communication, Montgomery, Dec. 6th, 1892.

George M. Morrow, G.M.

They mourn the death of their Grand Secretary, Myles Jefferson Greene, who was their Grand Secretary since 1878. Nineteen new lodges were formed.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

“*Resolved*,—First, that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the Subordinate Lodges of the several Masonic Districts of this jurisdiction should proceed to organize Masonic Associations or conferences, where they have not done so, as contemplated in the resolutions adopted at the last communications of this Grand Lodge.

“Second,—That the M. W. Grand Master should be advised as to the time and place of holding said associations or conferences, and that the Grand Master should attend the same when he can do so consistently with his other duties ; being unable to attend he shall appoint some one to represent him.”

The initial steps were taken for the establishment of a Masonic Home in Alabama for the indigent widows and orphans of deceased Masons, by the appointment of a Board of Directors, and the formation of a scheme for raising the necessary funds.

On the resolutions of last year relative to a proposed General Masonic Conference, the following report was adopted :—

“The remainder of the committee, however, have carefully considered the same, and are forced to the conclusion that the object sought, uniformity in the verbiage and the mechanical features of the Ritual of Masonry in the various Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, is not to be attained, save in a manner that ought to be repugnant to all true Masons. To this method we will shortly revert.

“The Committee seriously doubt if it is possible so to ‘harmonize the work in all particulars’ as to procure uniformity of verbiage. But were this probable, or even possible, would no differences be introduced, inadvertently, perhaps, before being reported to the several Grand Lodges.

“Absolute uniformity, as contemplated in the resolutions, the Committee believe to be impossible, unless the same be reduced to writing, and adopted, printed and distributed to the various Subordinate Lodges. And we presume that every member of this Grand Lodge remembers too well his obligation to desire this.

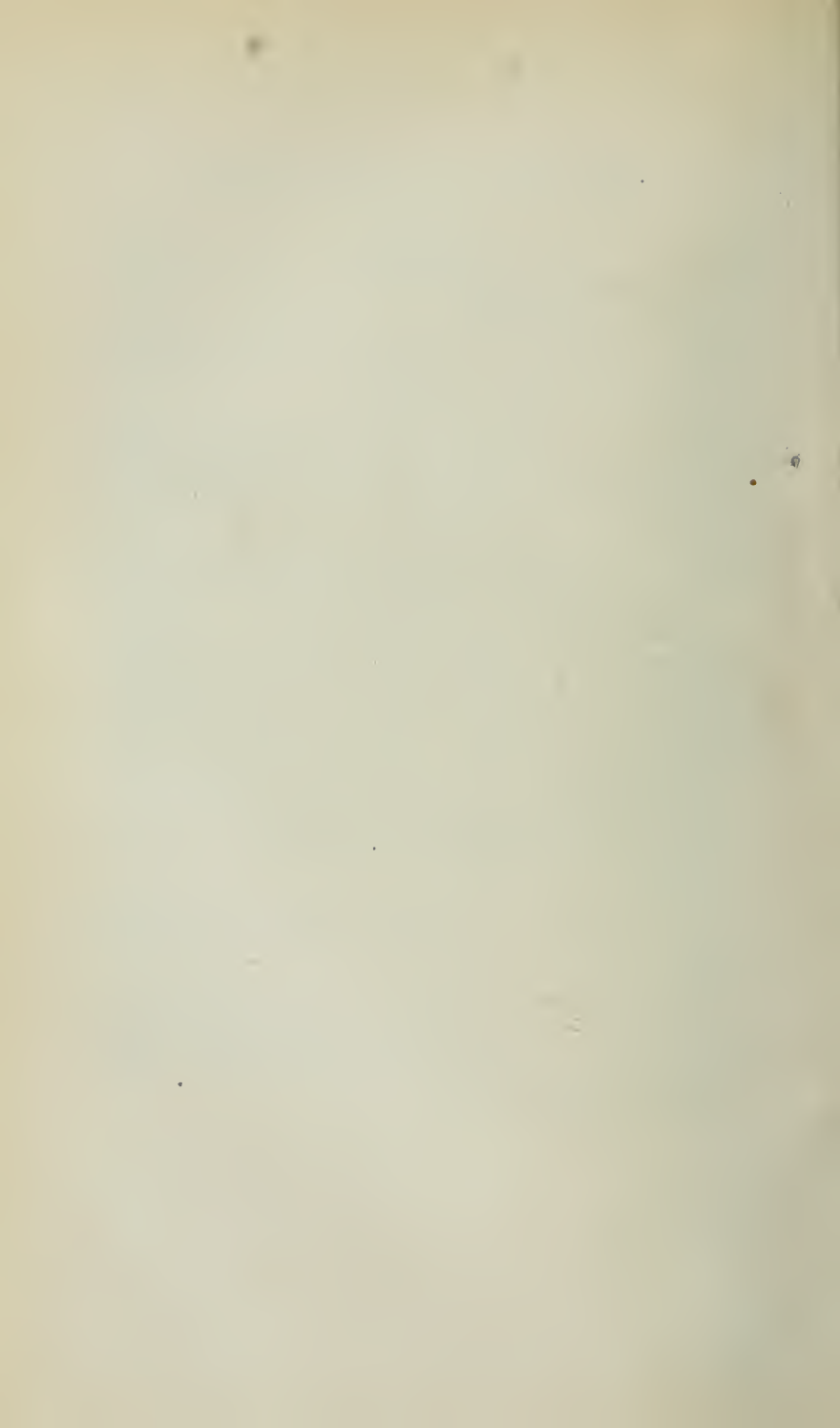
“For these and other reasons the Committee report adversely to the resolutions, and recommend that they be not adopted.”

Bro. Palmer J. Pillans, although suffering from ill-health, in which he has our sympathy, presented another excellent report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 52 Grand Lodges in an able manner. In his review of Canada for 1892 he gives numerous extracts from our Proceedings, and says :—

“Seldom have we had the pleasure of perusing an address of a Grand Master, such as Most Worshipful J. Ross Robertson delivered to this Grand Lodge upon its opening —so full of good advice, zeal and manliness, betokening an interest in even the smallest matters pertaining to the welfare of the Craft. Admiring it as we do, we will not hesitate to be liberal in our extracts, believing what is good for one part of our family there will also be appropriated by the other part here.”

Francis L. Pettus, (Selma), G.M.

Henry C. Armstrong, (Montgomery), G.S.







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